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Column One
BY
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MR. Ichiro Hatoyama, paralysed on one side but as ebullient as a bullfrog, can claim the result of the Japanese general elections as a remarkable personal triumph. This conservative, nationalist, shrewd old gentleman, whose spontaneous bonhomie put the electors in good humour and whose policy of friendship with Russia, trade with China, and acceptance of all the aid America can be persuaded to give, seemed good electoral sense to enough Japanese to ensure his return as Prime Minister, has, in fact, no great record of achievement. His personality created something electorally as good as a record — the "Hatoyama myth," which caused him to be talked about, written about, laughed about until his name became for many people a symbol of their personal and national aspirations.

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AND there, according to some observers, lies the danger. For Ichiro Hatoyama symbolises a peculiarly Japanese form of chauvinism and nationalism. It is that even when it is called, as these things are so often called, "independence." It is a desire to be Japanese in everything from the palace to the pin-tables (called "pachinko" in Tokyo); and above all to loosen the bonds of an American-imposed Constitution and the restrictions on trade and diplomacy that were accepted by the pro-American Prime Minister, Yoshida. If Yoshida saw a fortune in America, Hatoyama sees it in China and south-east Asia. He is about as far from sympathising with Communism as any man can get; but apparently it is an easy matter to hate Communism and feel sympathy for Communists who are willing to trade. The Japanese are not the kind of people to let ideology stand in the way of their turning an honest penny.

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BUT the main question just now is whether Hatoyama and his Party, which includes several old-time militarists can find a way through the present constitutional safeguards to the re-arming of Japan. The Left Opposition is strong enough to prevent any open rearmament; but probably would not be able to put a stop to disguised rearmament. In any event, if the cheerful, personable Prime Minister can, during the next year, build a little higher and a little broader the Hatoyama myth, he may feel able to go to the country again with a fair chance of an absolute majority. Some substance, in the form of increased trade and better working conditions must first be given to the myth. For Japan, although up to sixty per cent of its pre-war industrial production, is still far from the competitive trade giant she was before Pearl Harbour. Most factory machinery is out of date, the workers have lost heart, and, of course, the easy China and South East Asia markets of the old days have been denied to her. It is Hatoyama's purpose to improve and increase production and get back the Asian markets of which the biggest, China, is said now to be open and ready to buy.

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IN the new, counter-revolutionary policy of the Democrats, most of Japan's right-wing groups are almost certain to find comfort; and in the party itself they will probably find shelter before long. Any such merging of right-wing forces in Japan can be expected to inspire imitation among the left-wing groups. The threat of right-wing fusion is said to have brought about general agreement among the left-wing groups already, at least on the question of constitutional revision. The signs are, indeed, of a gradual solidification of both the right and the left, with the right, under nationalist domination, well ahead.

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WHAT has caused some surprise is the complete failure of the Communists, who had put up one man for every electoral district but won only two seats. The attempt to recover their 1949 strength has left them even more embarrassed than at the 1953 elections, when they polled less than two per cent of the votes. The Socialists, moderate and extreme, have done well; and as time goes on the big fight is likely to be between them and a nationalist right grouping.

Jerusalem, March 2.

Gunmen Raid Naccache Summer Residence

Several gunmen attacked the summer residence of the Lebanese Foreign Minister, Alfred Naccache, in Sofar, on Monday, the Arab News Agency reported yesterday.

The outer door of the house was smashed, but no other damage was caused. At the time of the attack Naccache was in Beirut.

Churchill: No Security From H-Bomb in Sight

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — "There is no defence — no absolute defence — against the hydrogen bomb," Sir Winston Churchill told the Commons today. "Nor is any method in sight by which any nation or any country could be completely guaranteed against the devastating injury which even a score of them might inflict in wide regions."

The solution was a *bona fide* system of general disarmament, the Prime Minister added, but unless a trustworthy and universal agreement could be reached, the only sane alternative for the West in the next few years was that of "defence through deterrents."

Sir Winston told the House that Britain had already started making the hydrogen bomb, and though Russia's stockpile of atomic bombs might be greater, "Britain's discoveries may well place us above her fundamental science."

The Prime Minister continued: "Should war come, which God forbid, there are a large number of targets we and the Americans must be able to strike at once. There are scores of airfields from which the Soviets could launch attacks with H-bombs as soon as they have the bombers to carry them. It is essential to our deterrent policy, and our survival, to have our American allies and the strength to be able to paralyse these potential Communist assaults in the first few hours of the war.

US Can Deliver

"According to the information I have been able to obtain, the only country which is able to deliver today a full-scale attack with hydrogen bombs after a few hours' notice is the United States," he said.

During the next three or four years, the West should and would retain an overwhelming superiority in hydrogen weapons, he declared. "During that period, it is most unlikely that the Russians would deliberately embark on a major war or attempt a surprise attack, the effect of which would bring down upon them at once a crushing weight of nuclear retaliation."

He warned, however, that if at the end of that time there should be a supreme conflict, the weapons which he had described would be available to both sides, and it would be folly to suppose that they would not be used. In three or four years' time — it might be even less — the Soviet Union would probably possess hydrogen bombs and the means of delivering them — not only to the United Kingdom but also to American targets, Sir Winston said.

Pontecorvo in USSR, Urges A-Bomb Ban

MOSCOW, Tuesday (Reuter).— Dr. Bruno Pontecorvo, British-naturalised atom scientist who disappeared in 1950, revealed his presence in Russia today with a newspaper article calling on world scientists to fight for a ban on atomic and hydrogen weapons.

The article appearing in the two leading Soviet newspapers "Pravda" and "Izvestia" was the first confirmation that Dr. Pontecorvo was working in Russia. The article said he had left Britain in 1950 when his "moral suffering" after the use of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima became "intolerable."

The disclosure by Dr. Pontecorvo that he has been working on Russian atomic projects came as a complete surprise to his relatives in Britain.

Dr. Pontecorvo's decision to break silence on his activities followed within a few hours rumours here that Guy Burgess who disappeared with his fellow British diplomat, Donald Maclean, in May, 1951, was back in London. Mrs. J. R. Bassett, mother of Burgess, said last night she knew nothing of reports that her son was in London, but she added "I have had many inquiries asking if it is true."

Nevada's Third Atomic Explosion Set Off

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Tuesday (Reuter). — Watchers in five states today saw the dazzling flash of an atomic weapon exploded at Yucca Flat in the desert 113 kilometres from here in the third of America's 1955 series of nuclear tests.

The Atomic Energy Commission said that the weapon, set off at the top of a 300-foot tower, was similar in power to the second of the series, which makes it one of the smallest tested here. But it turned darkness into day for an instant, with a flare that changed to orange, then yellow, then faded away.

Casablanca Terrorists Kill Four Persons

CASABLANCA, Tuesday (Reuter).—A burst of sub-machine-gun fire aimed at a cafe where Moroccans were sitting in the early hours of today brought the casualty list in a day of terrorism to four dead and eight wounded. It was the fifth terrorist attack of the night, and it killed one Moroccan and wounded three seriously.

Revolver bullets killed a Frenchman, Dr. Guy Remy, 44, in an alley near the Arab quarter in the afternoon.

A Jew and a Moroccan were killed last night by gunmen who roamed round Casablanca in a motorcar firing bursts of machinegun fire at other motorists and into cafes.

Isaac Ben-Shabat was shot dead at the wheel of his car near the French Admiralty building. Another burst of fire killed Bouchaib ben Mohamed, a taxi driver, as he was drinking in a market cafe. Two other Moroccans were seriously injured.

'ATOMIC FIVE' MEET ON DISARMAMENT

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The "Atomic Big 5" — Britain, the U.S., Russia, France, and Canada — met here today for the second time in an effort to draft a world disarmament plan.

At the end of the three-hour session, it was announced that they would meet again on Thursday.

DENIES PRESS REPORTS

MOSCOW, Tuesday (Reuter).— The Soviet Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" today attacked the Western press for alleging that the Russians had "leaked" information from the London disarmament talks.

This "hypocritical campaign" followed reports that the Soviet delegation had made proposals at the talks on the basis of its Government's known attitude towards disarmament, it said in an article "about those who fear the light."

British, Japanese Traders Attack China Embargo

TOKYO, Tuesday (UP). — A group of British and Japanese businessmen issued a joint statement today charging that the embargo on trade with China is no longer justified and is hurting other countries. It said that the embargo was "inefficient" and "harmful" and that in any case the Korean truce removed any justification for maintaining export restrictions against China which do not apply to Russia and other Communist countries.

They specifically condemned the operations of COCOM, the Western European organisation which decides upon embargo rules, calling it a "semi-secret body... subjecting the commerce of the non-Communist world to decisions over which neither the respective parliaments nor trade circles in the country affected have any control."

The statement was issued jointly by Mr. Roland Berger, Director of the British Council of International Trade, and Mr. Shoso Murata, leader of a Japanese trade mission which visited China earlier this year.

Israel Trade Mission Arrives in Manila

MANILA, Tuesday (UP). — A three-member Israel trade mission arrived here last night from Hong Kong to resume negotiations for the conclusion of a barter trade agreement.

The delegation includes Mr. Moshe Bejarano, representative of the Israel Manufacturers Association, Mr. Meir de Shalit, Assistant to the Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office, and Mr. Joseph Zarhin, Export Director of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Mr. Bejarano said that he came to Manila last year at the head of a similar mission. Israel imports from the Philippines approximately $2.5m. worth of goods, while Philippine purchases from that country are "negligible," he stated.

The visiting officials were part of a five-man Israel delegation that visited various countries in the Far East, including China, to promote trade relations. The mission will stay here for 10 days, during which they will call on President Ramon Magsaysay and visit various industrial plants.

Adenauer Asks USSR, US Accord on H-Bomb

BONN, Tuesday (UP). — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer appealed to the U.S. and Russia today to reach an agreement to control the H-bomb as "the first essential step" towards ending the cold war.

If such an agreement is reached, the Chancellor added, "a general relaxation of tension could come about very much quicker than is generally believed."

Dr. Adenauer made this appeal in a talk to a group of 25 visiting U.S. newspaper and radio editors and publishers at the chancellory here.

Syria to Join Egypt In Arab Federation

Major Salah Salem, Egyptian Propaganda Minister, announced last night in Damascus that Syria has reached agreement with Egypt to join the new Arab federation proposed by the latter in opposition to the Turco-Iraqi pact.

Salem has been conducting talks with Syrian officials in the past few days, and yesterday postponed his intended visit to Amman by one day. He will arrive in the Jordan capital tomorrow.

Syria will submit the agreement to Parliament for approval early next month. It was further revealed that the Arab Premiers conference, excluding Iraq, called by Egypt after signature of the new alliance in Baghdad, will not take place before April.

Two persons were killed and eight injured in a fight which broke out between members of rival political parties in Deir e-Sour on the northern Syrian frontier. Troops were called to the village, where a strict curfew was enforced. The fight started when El Ba'ath Party members demonstrated against the pact with Turkey in front of the National Party building. Members of both sides fought with firearms, knives, sticks and stones before troops were able to disperse them. More than 150 persons were arrested.

Iraqi Denial

The Iraqi Government yesterday denied Egyptian claims that one provision of the new alliance places Iraqi armies, economy, and policies under the control of a permanent council which includes the U.S., Britain, Turkey, Pakistan and Persia. The allegations were made by Major Salem in Damascus yesterday.

In Amman, the Lower House of Parliament held an extraordinary session last night and approved Jordan's policy at the recent Cairo conference of Arab Premiers regarding the Turco-Iraqi pact.

It contended that the pact provides for the establishment of a council on ministerial level when at least four powers join the pact, but does not include the kind of supervision alleged by Salem. It pointed out that the council would be composed of a sweeping majority of Arab nations should more Arab nations join.

(ANA, Reuter)

Beirut Cabinet Meets On Gaza Incident

Official circles in both Beirut and Amman last night were greatly stirred at news of the armed clash between Egyptians and Israelis in the Gaza Strip on Monday night. President Chamoun presided over a specially convened Cabinet meeting in Beirut to discuss the incident, and Foreign Minister Alfred Naccache was asked to contact other Arab Foreign Ministers to take a united stand.

The results of the meeting will be studied at another special conference tomorrow. Naccache was asked to protest to the British French and American Ambassadors.

In Amman, King Hussein cancelled a concert scheduled to have been held at the Arab Legion Club in honour of his engagement and sent a telegram of condolence to the Egyptian Premier, Abdul Nasser.

(Reuter, AFP)

Jordan Gets 3 Training Planes from Turkey

The London correspondent of the Cairo newspaper, "Al Ahram," reported that Turkey embarrassed Britain yesterday by announcing a gift of three training aircraft to Jordan. This comes at a time when Britain herself is still considering Jordan's request, made in December, that she send aircraft.

London officials were unable to confirm the Turkish gift as announced by Ankara Radio — but Whitehall will want to know all the facts, as Britain considers herself the sole supplier of Jordan's arms requirements, the report said.

Cairo Alerts Army, Air Force After 38 Killed, 45 Wounded in Gaza Clash

Israel Casualties in Sharp Battle

An Israel Army unit was attacked near the Israel-Egyptian armistice line, opposite Gaza, at nine o'clock on Monday night, the Army spokesman announced yesterday. A sharp battle developed between the attacking Egyptian force and the Israel unit which began in Israel territory, but spread into the Gaza Strip. The enemy force was repulsed and after contact was broken, the Israel unit returned to its base.

The unit suffered a number of casualties, the spokesman said.

The Minister of Defence, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, and the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, visited the wounded in hospital yesterday. It is understood that all of them are out of danger.

U.N. COMMUNIQUE

Last night, February 28, 1955, Israel armed forces violently attacked the Egyptian military position near the Gaza railway station, the U.N. stated in an official communique yesterday.

Preliminary reports from United Nations Observers indicate that automatic weapons, mortars, hand grenades, Molotov cocktails and a large quantity of explosives were used.

So far, casualties reported from the Egyptian side are 37 killed and about 30 wounded, very few of whom are civilians.

"The job of the Israel-Egypt Mixed Armistice Commission is now to decide how and why the attack took place," the U.N. spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday afternoon in reply to a query about the U.N. communique on the engagement near Gaza. The U.N. Observers at Gaza had forwarded their reports to Jerusalem and the U.N. had already decided, before the decision of the MAC that the attack had been carried out by Israel armed forces.

Cairo Radio, in its 17.05 bulletin yesterday, reported the Truce Supervision Organization press release, adding that this was an official U.N. confirmation of the Egyptian version blaming Israel for the incident.

The Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent writes:—

The action of the UNTSO in issuing a statement saying flatly that Israel was responsible for the attack on Egyptian forces in the Gaza Strip is an extraordinary step to have taken. It is the duty of U.N. Observers to report to the Chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commission, who then brings his finding before the meeting of that body.

In this instance, when both Israel and Egypt have lodged complaints in regard to the same incident, such haste in publishing a definite judgment would appear to render suspect the objectivity of the proceedings of the MAC which will be called to consider the incident.

Various delegations to the U.N. have expressed amazement at the speed with which General Burns' office seemed ready to condemn Israel in connection with the latest flare-up in the Gaza Strip, INA reports from New York.

EGYPTIAN DIVERSION TRY

UNITED NAIONS, Tuesday. — A spokesman of the Israel Delegation here today issued the following statement:

"In a patent attempt to divert Egyptian and general Arab public opinion from her internal and external problems the Egyptian military dictatorship, during the past six months, has stepped up its policy of military political and propaganda aggression against Israel.

"The military clash of last night must be viewed against this background—a background of mounting Egyptian military pressure against Israel, synchronized with a vicious propaganda campaign which has in recent weeks reached a peak of hysteria." *(INA)*

PRESIDENT RECEIVES P.M.

The President yesterday received Mr. Moshe Sharett, the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, who reported on the latest political developments.

Egypt Calls Urgent UN Meeting

CAIRO, Monday. — The Revolution Council today ordered a general alert for the Gaza military command and the Air Force throughout the country after the violent Israel-Egyptian clash last night in the Gaza Strip. Egypt announced officially that 38 military personnel, including a captain and a first lieutenant, were killed, while 45 soldiers and a civilian were injured.

Prime Minister Abdul Nasser said last night that Egypt would raise the incident at the United Nations. She has already lodged the "strongest possible complaint with the U.N. Mixed Armistice Commission."

The Revolution Command was summoned to an emergency meeting this morning and Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzy later summoned the diplomatic envoys of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — Britain, France, Nationalist China, Russia and the U.S. A Foreign Ministry spokesman stated that Egypt was giving the incident due attention but was "unperturbed."

Asks 'Minimum Delay'

Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzy stated later that he had instructed the Egyptian delegate at the U.N., Omar Lufty, to raise the incident before the Security Council "with the minimum of delay." He said that Egypt regarded the incident as "a violation of the U.N. Charter, the U.N. Palestine Armistice Agreement and the general security of the Middle East."

Egypt reserves the right to claim compensation for the families of the victims, he declared.

Lt.-Col. Salah Gobar, Director of the Palestine Affairs Administration, declared that the issue was of "tremendous gravity." He expressed his belief that the Egyptian Government "will retaliate most severely."

An Army spokesman stated in Cairo today that the Egyptian Army was ready to face any Israel attack against the peoples of the Middle East. He added, however, that Egypt "will not start any dispute or conflict in this area."

A U.N. Truce Observation team had visited the scene of the incident and had interviewed the wounded at military hospital. They also took photographs of the dead and of the wrecked vehicle.

Battle Lasts 3 Hours

The Egyptian account of the clash said that an Israel Army force, estimated from 60 to 100 men, launched a surprise attack last night on Egyptian positions near the Gaza railway station. Fighting between this force and the Egyptian garrison lasted for three hours, after which the Israel force was driven back across the border. The Israelis suffered casualties, according to the Egyptian communique, but no numbers were given.

The casualties on the Israel force were said to have been inflicted by Egyptian border guards, who had been alerted as the Israelis were withdrawing towards their territory.

The scene of the attack was given as a military camp 3½ kms. north-east of Gaza, just off the Gaza-Rafiah highway.

The Israel force was said to have employed mortars, automatic arms and explosives, and to have left behind a number of Browning automatic weapons and some light arms upon withdrawal.

During the action, a lorry carrying 36 soldiers, including a first lieutenant being rushed to the scene from a position further to the south struck a mine and was totally wrecked. Israelis from concealed positions then opened fire on the wrecked vehicle and its occupants. Most of the Egyptian troops killed were said to have been lost in this ambush.

Major Hassan Salama, Assistant Director of the War Ministry's Palestine Affairs Administration, stated that the Israel force crossed the border at 8.30 o'clock last night. It proceeded towards the divisional headquarters near Gaza town and blew up a water supply station en route.

The Israel force, Major Salama said, then split into three parts. One blew up some camps and two others lay in ambush along roads leading from the south along which Egyptian reinforcements would come.

The Army denied that any serious damage was done to military installations in the Gaza camp. *(UP, Reuter)*

MARAUDERS DRIVEN OFF

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday.— Three armed marauders attacked an Israel Beduin of the El Azzam tribe in the El Mashash wadi on Saturday night and stole three camels and a horse. When the Israeli called for help, there was an exchange of shots between tribesmen and the attackers. The latter fled, leaving their loot.

Battle Considered Reprisal for Murders

Jerusalem Post
Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The engagement near the Gaza railway station, however it began, will be interpreted by public opinion here and abroad as a reprisal for the innumerable acts of sabotage and murder perpetrated on this side of the border by Egyptian-directed personnel.

No details have been released on the scope of the engagement, nor on the nature and number of casualties. Reports from the Negev say that heavy explosions were heard for about two hours, between 9 and 11 p.m. yesterday. Judging from the number of published Egyptian casualties, the engagement must have been quite heavy by the standards of the War of Independence. However, the majority of Egyptian casualties are said by Cairo to have been caused by mines exploding under vehicles bringing reinforcements to the unit engaged.

The logic of retaliation, as practised by the Orientals for so many centuries, has it that a tooth should be broken in vengeance for one tooth. When the retaliation is stronger than the act, it is considered unfair. The desert system is to kill one or two persons at a time, wreck one or two bridges per expedition. An occasional act of sabotage, or even a murder, from time to time, coming from Israel, would be accepted as quite natural. What must seem strange to an Oriental mind is that the opponent simply refuses to play the game, that he just does not want to get killed nor to kill and, when driven to extremity, he reacts harshly, as a reminder that this sort of game is not wanted.

We Had No Choice, Says Livneh

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Egyptian Government could not be interested in seeing its relations with Israel deteriorate, Mr. Eliezer Livneh (Mapai) said in the Knesset last night, in the debate on the Foreign Ministry budget.

Egypt already found itself outside the Western defence system in the Middle East, and it was not reasonable to suppose that she wished an enemy on her border.

Nor would the Egyptians be better served by having any of the Arab countries as her neighbour in place of Israel, even if that were possible, Mr. Livneh declared.

Of Monday night's clash in the Gaza Strip, Mr. Livneh said "we had no choice but to do what we did." It was an unavoidable warning.

He said he did not think there was any difference of opinion between "activists" and "non-activists" on certain basic points: (1) that Israel must strike daily in reply to aggression; (2) that effective and responsible reprisals obviate the need for frequent action; (3) that Israel will not attack civilians insofar as possible; and (4) that Israel does not seek a war.

Touching briefly on our relations with American Jewry, Mr. Livneh urged that nothing be done to embitter "our chief ally." With regard to the present dispute between the United Jewish Appeal and the Bond Drive, he asked that Israel should not belittle the importance of the U.J.A., which he termed an activity of American Jewry, whereas the Bond Drive was a function of the State of Israel.

Monday night's border clash was also referred to by Mr. Eliahu Eliachar (General Zionist) who declared that reprisals were inevitable until there was an end to the shedding of blood by Egypt, adding "our neighbours do not understand this exaggerated insistence on peace."

The Knesset should also restore the death penalty, he asserted, so that infiltrators and spies might know that it was this awaited them, and not a luxurious hotel — which was what an Israel prison was compared to those in Arab countries.

He said he did not think that the Turco-Iraqi pact necessarily represented much change in Turkey's relationship with Israel, and nothing should be done that might make matters worse.

Mr. S. Mikunis, in a more emotional speech than for some time past, once more took issue with the Government's pro-Western orientation, and particularly with Israel failure to come out actively against German rearmament.

In an atomic age, he argued, it could not be in Israel's own interests to become part of a bloc or an area security system; our only hope could be that the area in which we live would be left out of the military organizations. To join a western pact meant military bases in Israel, foreign control of our army and subjection "to the atomic stock-exchange in Wall Street."

A plea that the nation place less trust in the good-will of others and show a little more confidence in itself was made by Mr. David Livshitz (Mapai). "Woe unto the nation that cannot withstand the test of isolation," Mr. Livshitz declared, referring to the Opposition speakers who had made much of Israel's lack of allies. He hoped that isolation would not be allowed to push Israel into political adventures that might be no less serious than military adventures."

BRITAIN 'DEPLORES' BORDER INCIDENT

The British Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday that the Government deplored the "extremely grave incident" in the Gaza area on Monday night when Egyptian and Israel soldiers clashed.

The incident was especially deplorable in view of the calmer situation during the past few months, the spokesman said, adding that reports are being awaited from the British Ambassadors in Israel and Egypt.

In Washington, the State Department had no immediate reaction on the incident, and officials said that they were waiting to hear from the U.S. envoys. They declined to comment officially, but stated privately that the situation "appears to wargrant a degree of apprehension," and comes at a "most unfortunate time."

The State Department press spokesman, Mr. Henry Suydam, asked to comment on the Egyptian claim that Egyptian territory was attacked by the Israelis, said that until an official report has been received, he could make no comment.

Information Services Aid Newcomers

Much of the attention of yesterday's continued Knesset debate on the Prime Minister's Office Budget Appropriation for the was devoted to the Information Services, which came in both for praise for their help in the making immigrants become part of the nation, and blame, mainly from orthodox speakers, for their failure to conform more closely to tradition.

Mrs. S. Kafrit (Mapai) said that the work of the Information Services in the immigrant villages had been a boon to the people who lived there. They knew little Hebrew and often could not read in any case, so that they were not reached by the press and had tended to remain altogether isolated, trying to remake their lives much as they had lived it abroad. To make these little groups into part of the nation it was necessary first of all to create points of contact, and let different parts of the nation meet and learn to know each other.

The Information Services had been an important instrument to this end. A number of organizations were already working in this field, but they were mostly concerned only with young people. She ended by reading some extracts of compositions written by students from *Ma'barot* at the Citizenship School on Mount Zion, in the former Bishop Gobat School, which indicated how much this opportunity for study had been appreciated.

Mr. S. Ichelov (General Zionist) also praised the work of the Information Services, although he considered that there was discrimination against the General Zionist speakers.

The Information Services moved on "very slippery ground," declared Mr. Y. Harari (Progressive), and he was glad that they intended to break off their normal activities two months before the elections. He made a strong appeal for the uniting of "Kol Yisrael" and "Galei Zahal" (the Army Station), and the reorganization of the programmes as a regular and a light series. The present arrangement he said was no more than a hangover from British times, when there had been a reason for two separate services.

A threat of more interference if permission is given for the building of a reform synagogue in Jerusalem was made by Mr. A. Genachowsky (Hapoel Hamizrahi) who said, "I warn you. Today there is a 'Club of Dissension.' I do not wish to go into details. But observant Jewry will not rest and will not be silent." He was referring to the plan of Dr. Nelson Glueck, of the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, to establish a School of Archaeology in Jerusalem which will apparently include a Reform Synagogue.

He also protested strongly that the Prime Minister had attended a meeting of the Teachers Union held on a Saturday morning.

JORDAN SAID ACCEPTING PACT WITHOUT SIGNING

Jordan has agreed to implement the Jerusalem local commanders agreement, without a formal signing, the Old City daily "El Jihad" reported. This development was said to be the result of a proposal to both sides by the Chairman of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, Colonel C. Brewster, in an effort to overcome the deadlock over the signing of the agreement.

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Social & Personal

President Ben-Zvi yesterday received Mr. Attai Milano, of Ramatayim, who is doing research on the Jewish communities in Italy. In the evening, the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi entertained to dinner Mr. M. Rowe, Director General of PICA and Mrs. Rowe; Professor Benjamin Mazar, President of the Hebrew University, and Mrs. Mazar; Professor and Mrs. A. Bonne; Mr. Daniel Auster; Mrs. A. Reifenberg; and Messrs. Yosef Weiss, Asaf Goor, E. Zaharvi and Y. Shapiro, and their wives, and Mr. Eliezer Rager.

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The Minister of Development, Dr. Dov Joseph, accompanied by the Director General of the Ministry, Mr. Y. Peled, visited Beersheba and Sdom yesterday.

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The Minister of Communications, Mr. Y. Saphir, toured industrial plants in Jerusalem yesterday and discussed manufacturing problems with the managements of Teva and Rafa pharmaceutical factories, and the Friedmann stove factory. He was accompanied by the chairman and members of the Jerusalem branch of the Manufacturers Association, who invited him to make the tour.

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ARRIVALS: Mr. Shimon Peres, Director General of the Ministry of Defence, from Rome, after a four-day official visit (by Air France); Dr. M. Prywes, Assistant Dean of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, after six months of study in the U.S. (by Air France); Dr. Abraham Granott, chairman of the Jewish National Fund's Board of Directors (by Air France); Mr. A. Reis, an Israel member of the World Jewish Congress Directorate, from Vienna, where he participated in talks on reparations from Austria (by SAS); Mr. Hers Grosbard, well known for his recitals of classic and modern Yiddish literature, from Paris, for a series of appearances.

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DEPARTURES: Mr. Sidney D Pierce, Canadian Ambassador to Brazil, and Mrs. Pierce, after a two-week private visit; Mr. E. Jansen, member of the Danish Senate and head of the Federation of Danish Trade Unions, and Mr. O. Karlssen, Secretary of the Danish Social-Democrat Party, for Denmark, via Istanbul, after a short visit, as guests of the Histadrut; a group of five key men of the U.J.A. in San Francisco, headed by Mr. Lloyd Dinkelspiel, after a seven-day visit.

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Mr. Michael Arnon, of the Foreign Ministry, has been appointed temporary director of the Government Press Division. He replaces the present director, Mr. H. Zinder, who will serve as acting head of Kol Yisrael for six months.

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A reception to mark the eightieth birthday of Mr. Moshe Abarbanel, the first cinema owner in Tel Aviv, was held in Tel Aviv last week by the Cinema Owners Association. The Brith Milah ceremony of Mr. Abarbanel's first great-grandson was held on the same day.

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Today's meeting of the Haifa Rotary Club at the Appinger Hotel will be addressed by the Canadian Ambassador, Mr. Terence McDermott.

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Mr. Roger Gouze, Director of "La Maison de l'Alliance Française," Paris, will speak on "Alain, the Philosopher," at six o'clock tonight at the Centre de Culture Française, Jerusalem. Comte de Beauvais, Acting French Consul General, will preside.

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Mr. A. Poncelet, Technical Director of Messrs. Prince-Smith & Stells Ltd., of Keighley, who is on a short visit in Israel, will lecture on "Short Operation Processing of Worsted Yarns" to members of the Association of Textile Technicians in Israel, Habonein Hall, 20 Rehov Harakevet, Tel Aviv, on Thursday, March 3, at 8.30 p.m.

Memorial Service For War Victims

A memorial service for the fallen of the War of Liberation was held at the Military Cemetery on Mt. Herzl yesterday afternoon, the seventh of Adar, — the traditional anniversary of the birth and of the death of Moses.

Among those present were Mayor T. Kariv, Deputy Mayor Rabbi M. Porush, the Jerusalem District Commander, Aluf Mishne Haim Herzog, senior Chaplains and parents of the fallen. Guards of honour were provided by a paratroop unit and members of a sergeants course of the Chaplaincy Corps.

Rav-Seren Yitzhak Meir opened the service. The Chief Chaplain of the Air Force, Rabbi D. Kahana, and the Jerusalem Senior Chaplain, Rav-Seren S. Eisert, deputising for the Chief Chaplain, Aluf Mishne S. Goren, who is indisposed, also spoke.

The Army Chief Cantor, Segen Weinberger, chanted the *El Maleh Rahamim*. The service concluded with the mass recitation of the *kaddish*.

Later, the bereaved parents attended a memorial service at an Army camp.

2,300 Fewer Jobless

A 2,300 drop in unemployment took place in the week ending February 19. The total number of jobless that week was 11,850, according to an official announcement made yesterday.

Among them were 9,384 unskilled workers and 2,198 women; the main centres were Haifa — 1,830; Tel Aviv — 1,346; Jerusalem — 902.

Fragment of Ancient Babylonian Epic Found by Kibbutz Shepherd

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A broken clay tablet found recently near Megiddo, the southern gate to the Emek, bears part of the Gilgamesh Epic, the Babylonian myth written about 1,500 B.C.E., Dr. S. Yeivin, director of the Government's Antiquities Department, disclosed to the press yesterday in Jerusalem. This is the first time that a Babylonian literary text was discovered in the Israel-Transjordan region. Sections of the epic, inscribed on tablets, have been unearthed in Iraq, chiefly at Nineveh, the site of the palace of Ashurbanipal, King of Assyria. Dr. Yeivin also said that this find puts an end to an archaeological dispute on the epic: two passages considered by some experts to be separate chapters occur together on the tablet.

The fragment was spotted by Moshe, the shepherd of Kibbutz Megiddo, in the debris of excavations undertaken at Tell Megiddo by the University of Chicago from 1926 to 1938. Mr. S. Levy of the Department studied the cuneiform characters in consultation with Professor Goetze of Yale University. In their opinion, this find is of particular interest as proof that the Gilgamesh Epic and perhaps other Babylonian literature were known in this country at that era.

In its final form, the Epic covered 12 tablets, each one devoted to one adventure in which the hero, Gilgamesh, plays a direct or indirect part. The fragment found at Megiddo, part of Number 8 in the series, describes Enkidu on his deathbed telling Gilgamesh, his friend, of a dream in which he saw a fantastic apparition, and goes on to relate how Gilgamesh grieved for the loss of his friend.

Dr. Yeivin also announced that the Hebrew University, and the Israel Exploration Society are combining their efforts with the Department of Antiquities to send an expedition to Masada, off the Dead Sea, in a fortnight's time. The party will make a general survey of the fortress and its rocky environs. Their main task is to decide whether a large-scale expedition would prove worth-while. Students and volunteers from the kibbutzim will accompany the archaeologists.

Other finds recently made by the Department include:

• A burial cave near Ator, excavated by the Department in February, yielded pottery, glass vessels and jewellery, showing that the cave was in use for about two centuries between 300 C.E. and 300 C.E. Road levelling operations had revealed the cave, cut into a hillock near the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway. A flight of stairs leads from the opening into a hall with three niches in each wall, closed by stone slabs. This is a typical burial cave of the Second Temple period, and most of the jars, jugs and vases conform to types current in the Herodian era.

• Ruins of a Byzantine farmstead have been uncovered by Mr. S. Levy and Y. Ory of the Department, near the site of the freight station at Beersheba.

• Rock tombs which came to light in Haifa during work on the drainage system are now being examined by Dr. Goldmann on behalf of the Department. The first tomb contained glazed ware and glass dating to 800 C.E.

• The remains of a Chalcolithic settlement (4,000 B.C.E.) have been uncovered by Mr. S. Goldschmidt, of Sde Eitahu, in the Beisan Valley, in the kibbutz fields. Flint tools and pottery were found.

• An iron smelting foundry and potters' workshop of early Byzantine times was revealed at Ein Hanatziv (in the Beisan Valley), by Mr. N. Zori during excavations on behalf of the Department. Numerous pottery lamps, including one with a Samaritan inscription, came to light. Their identical moulds, and a potters' wheel, showed the existence of a large workshop. A channel of bricks and layers of iron ore uncovered nearby presumably formed part of a smithy.

Blue Band Dismissals Opposed by Labour

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Labour Council here announced today that it objected to the discharge of 23 workers by the Blue Band factory. The Council holds that employers should make efforts to increase employment in the pre-Pessah season.

The Blue Band company declared that it had increased its labour force above the normal in November to cope with extra work caused by the need to make up for arrears in the margarine ration. This extra work was now completed, and as the plant production costs were under strict Government control, 15 redundant workers could not be retained. The matter would be referred to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the company said.

Forty-one workers at the Amko toothpaste tube factory in B'nei Brak struck today in protest against the dismissal of two members of their staff committee who had opposed a change in working methods.

Israel Receiving FOA Machinery, Metals

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — The Foreign Operations Administration announced yesterday an allocation of $3,638,762 to Israel for the purchase of a variety of machinery, metals, pipes, and electrical agricultural, and health equipment.

Some of the leading categories of purchases listed included asbestos in various forms for making pressure pipes, wrapping steel pipes, glass rods, tubes and bulbs, $530,000; earth-moving and construction equipment, $450,000; track-laying type tractors, $400,000; tin plate, steel bars, sheets and forms, $365,000; aluminium ingots, alloys and products, $378,000; pharmaceutical supplies, X-ray equipment, professional instruments, $250,000; agricultural equipment, $100,000; welding materials, compounds, chemicals and paint, $85,000; brass, bronze and their products, $80,000; industrial and agricultural machinery parts, $150,000; tin ingots, $54,000; electric motors and parts, $50,000; pesticides, $40,000.

Rumania Asks Indemnity For Berne Legation

BERNE, Tuesday (Reuter). — Rumania has demanded that Switzerland should pay an indemnity for damage caused when anti-Communist gunmen occupied the Rumanian Legation here on February 18, it was learned today. The demand was made in a note delivered to the Swiss Legation in Bucharest last night.

Rumania also demanded that Switzerland should pay compensation to the family of Aurel Stu, the Legation chauffeur who died of wounds received during the attack.

The note today made three other demands:

That Switzerland should conduct a comprehensive enquiry to trace all culprits and all the ramifications leading to the organizers of the attack; that the Rumanian *Charge d'Affaires* in Berne, Mr. Emeric Stoffel, should be allowed to attend the interrogation of the culprits; that the Rumanian Government should be kept informed on the course of the enquiry and the legal action to be taken.

Japanese Electors Like Marylin Monroe

TOKYO, Tuesday (Reuter). — A number of Japanese voters in Sunday's general election voted for Marilyn Monroe, the American film star. The ballots were declared invalid, officials said.

Japanese ballots are blank and the voter must write in the name of the chosen candidate. Many ignored the official candidates. Other ballots bore the names of Stalin, Crown Prince Ahikito, Emperor Hirohito, Rikidozan (a popular wrestler) and Otomi-san, a beauty in ancient times.

EARNINGS. — The British working man earns an average of £10.4s.6d. a week, the Ministry of Labour revealed today.

New Building Rules for Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Almost complete agreement on new building regulations for Jerusalem, which in certain cases reduce the total floor space substantially and often the height of buildings from four to three stories, has been reached between the Ministry of Interior's District Town Planning Commission and Jerusalem's Local Town Planning Commission. *The Jerusalem Post* learned this yesterday from Mr. Haim Marinov, Jerusalem Councillor, and a member of the special committee set up two months ago to seek a "compromise formula" between the two commissions which held widely divergent views.

The new regulations require the approval of both the Jerusalem Municipal Council and the Ministry of the Interior. One of the major questions not decided is the use of natural stone, but the special committee decided that relaxations in this field would be the prerogative of the District Town Planning Commission.

It also decided to honour building licences previously issued by the Municipality even if they violate the new regulations. All together, about 50 applications for building licences are now in the Municipality waiting for approval.

How the new regulations will affect building in Zone Two (Rehavia, Kiryat Shmuel, Talbieh, Kiryat Moshe) is shown by the following comparison. The District Town Planning Commission (or D.T.P.C.), basing its decision on the 1943 Town Planning Ordinance which is still in force, allowed a maximum of two and a half stories on a minimum plot of 750 square metres. Each floor could contain a maximum of 25 per cent of the plot area, or the total floor area was limited to 62.5 per cent. However, the District Town Planning Commission recently allowed substantial relaxations to encourage building, but never within the limits which the Local Town Planning Commission allowed. On a 600 square metre plot, the L.T.P.C. allowed four stories, each one 31 per cent of the plot area, for a total of 124 per cent. This more than doubled the density of building.

The compromise regulations would permit the erection of a three storey building, of a total floor space of 84 per cent of a minimum 600 square metre plot which borders on a road less than ten metres wide. Thus, the new regulations would permit an increase in density of about one-third on small plots. However, as the size of the plot increases, so does the area of floor space. It will increase two per cent for each additional 100 square metres of plot area until a maximum of 120 per cent floor space is reached in a four storey building on a plot of 2,400 square metres.

If however, the road is ten to 15 metres wide, the initial total floor space on a 600 square metre plot will be 87 per cent and will increase 2.6 per cent for each additional 100 square metres until a maximum of 120 per cent is reached on plots of 1,850 square metres; if the road is more than 15 metres wide, the initial total floor space on a 600 square metre plot will be 90 per cent and will increase 3.2 per cent for each additional 100 metres until a total of 120 per cent is reached on plots of 1,550 square metres.

This new system tends to favour large plots and is expected to have a decided effect on joining together small plots to obtain the maximum benefit.

In Zone One (Beit Hakerem, Bayit Vegan, Mekor Haim and Talpiot), three stories of 25 per cent each, or a total of 75 per cent will be permitted on small plots, but this can be raised to three stories of 28 per cent, or a total of 84 per cent, on large plots.

In Zone Three (Geula, Kerem Avraham, Makor Baruch, Nahlat Ahim, Zichron Ahim, and Zichron Yosef), the maximum to be allowed is three stories of 30 per cent each, or a total of 90 per cent.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME

202, 249, 31.5 & 32.9 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 6.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 5.00 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa only), 6.30 Service, 6.35 Exercise, 6.45 Musical Clock (R), 7.10 Morning Melodies (R), 7.45 Oriental Music (R), 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R), 12.30 Opera: "Turandot" (Puccini) Act III. 1.45 Break for Music. 2.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Music (R). 4.45 Recital for 2 Pianos. 5.15 The Working Woman. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Musical Echoes (R). 7.30 Agricultural Corner. 7.40 Cantoral Request Programme (R). 8.00 Youth Programme. 8.25 Bible Reading. 8.45 The Week in the U.N. 9.00 Information Please. 9.30 Light Music (R). 9.45 Vocal Recital: Wiesia Ron. 10.10 Classical Request Programme: Symphony No. 1 (Bizet); "Young People's Guide to the Orchestra," (Britten). 11.00 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

491, 480, 224, 214, 44.0 & 13.5 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 6.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites, 6.30 French, 7.00 Ladino, 7.30 Yiddish, 8.00 Close Down, 8.45 Rumanian, 9.00 Hungarian 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.2 M.): 11.15 p.m. News, 11.25 Economic Review, 11.30. Musical Greetings. 11.45 The Week's News.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 214, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening, 6.35 Recital, 7.00 Requests, 7.30 Tomorrow's Bamahane, 7.45 Light Music, 8.00 Musical Key, 8.30 News, 8.45 Songs of the People, 9.15 Dance Music, 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (19.76, 25.56, 19.63 & 32.15 M.): 6.15-7.00 p.m. News; News Talk; Youth Magazine.

AT THE CINEMA

"BREAKBOAT" (Cona, Ziem) is an hilarious comedy about the trouble that comes to a California college professor and ex-matinee idol (Clifton Webb) when his old silent films are televised and earn him the love of Ellen Lanchester as the spinsterish Chairman of the Board. Clifton Webb is inimitable, the parody on television side-splitting, and Ginger Rogers' song "You'll Never Know How Much I Missed You" is an experience.

Fancy Free

UNTHINKABLE without "On the Town," "So this is Paris" (Ron, Ziem) is a Technicolor extravaganza about three American sailors on shore leave in the City of Light. Tony Curtis, Gene Nelson and Paul Gilbert brilliantly tap-dancing and clowning, have romantic experiences with Gloria De-Haven, Corinne Calvet and Mara Corday respectively and save five orphans in trouble through a surprise party. The nightclub show starts with the French version of "I Can't Give You Anything But Love, Baby," the hit of Paris and Deauville in 1929. *FRANGO*

For Music Lovers

"GIUSEPPI'S Verdi" (Allenby, Tel Aviv) is an Italian tribute to one of her great composers. The film is graced by acting of a high standard, well-presented opera scenes and excellent production in tasteful Technicolor. However, it suffers from too many stock situations. The only result of taking liberties with the hero's actual life is a formula which seldom differs much in the countless screen biographies of this kind.

Pierre Cressoy, as Verdi, gives a striking performance, and the two women in his life are well played by Anna Maria Ferrero and Gaby Andre. Music lovers will enjoy well-chosen excerpts from many Verdi operas, with the solo singers led by Tito Gobbi and Mario Del Monaco, both in good voice. With a bit more originality this could have been a very good picture.

Festival of Documentaries

MANY productions never before seen in this country are featured in the documentary film festival which the enterprising Union of Cinema Technicians is presenting at the Exhibition Hall in Rehov Alharisi, Tel Aviv, this week and next.

Short documentary films from many countries are being shown until Friday. The festival is well arranged, groups of related features on "History" or "Man and the Soil" exhibited in the same programme.

Six highly interesting documentary features are to be presented next week, leading off with Marie Seton's "Sun at its Time," the much praised adaptation of Eisenstein's "Que Viva Mexico." This film is one of many rare opportunities the festival offers to see some of the great screen classics of the past 25 years. *J.L.*

Wizo Good Citizenship Drive Gathers Steam

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The six-month-old Wizo Good Citizenship Campaign is gaining momentum as new volunteers come forward daily to offer their services. With the assistance of foreign embassies and consulates, which provide speakers and films, more than 60 Good Citizenship meetings have been held in all parts of the country, including border villages. Dr. R. Zimmerman, head of Wizo's Organization and Cultural Department, told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Another major aspect of the work is the "behind the scenes" activities of groups of volunteers in and near the towns and in border areas.

In the towns, the efforts are mainly confined so far to the Tel Aviv district. Groups of Wizo women promote good citizenship through campaigns for cleanliness and beautification of the streets and surroundings, good manners, road care and playgrounds for children to keep them off the streets.

Already more than 100 women in 13 groups all over the country have "adopted" border settlements, which they visit regularly to help care for children, teach Hebrew and other subjects, and undertake various kinds of social work. One of the keenest volunteers is Miss M. Weidmann, of the Swiss Legation, who works in a village near the Jordan border and "loves it."

FIFTH TEST STARTS

The fifth cricket test match between Australia and England at Sydney started yesterday afternoon after the first three days had been washed out by rain. At the close of play England had scored 196 runs for the loss of four wickets. Hutton went to Johnson with the fourth ball of the game. Tom Graveney and Percy May featured in a 183 run stand which gave England a good start. The tourists have already won the series with three wins to one.

TELEGRAMS may be sent on weekdays by telephone subscribers in Rishon le Zion, Rehovot, Herzliya, Herzliya Heh, Nes Ziona, Ramat Hasharon, Lydda, Kfar Hasidim and Kiryat Amal starting Sunday between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. The service at present is restricted to the three large cities, Petah Tikva and Ramat Gan.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

MARCH 1

	Rise or Fall
Pop. Loans 1949/ (IL.10)	—
4½% Tavet Dollar x1y) 1241	—
4½% Govt. Bds. (large) 99[illegible]	—
4% Reg. Sterling "A" 93[illegible]	—
4% Reg. Sterling "B" &) 94[illegible]	—
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. 3 [illegible]	—
Rh. Lewzi ord. sh. 280	—
A.P.B. Investm. 4% debs. 50/70 c) 95[illegible]	—
ord. sh. "B" 1179	—
Gazit ord. sh. "B" 107	—
Ellern's Inv. ord. "B" 104	—
P.E.C.Inv.ord. "B" sh. 1039	—
Gen Mortg. Bk. ord. sh. 624	+1
Bizur 6% debs.56/66 a) 96	—
Nir 4% Debs. (bear) 89[illegible]	—
5% pref. sh. 73	—
Paas 6% debs. 60/64 reg 84[illegible]	—
"Isras" 5% debs. 97[illegible]	—
L.I.D.C. ord. sh. reg. 1311	—
5% debs 99	—
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh. 100[illegible]	—
Bassee 6% pref. ord sh. 92[illegible]	—
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh. 99[illegible]	+1
"A" ord. shares 109	+1
Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (Isr.) —	—
Pal. Elec.pref.sh.(Ldn) 109	—
Jor. Elec. Corp. ord. sh. —	—
Mekoreth pref. sh b) 66[illegible]	—
Ata ord. "B" sh. d) 123	+1
6-9% conv. debs. 94[illegible]	—
"Kardassah"ord. "B"sh.d) 1309	—
7% conv. debs. 59/64 c. 102	—
Moller-Dee ord.sh.reg.x 985	—
Pal.-Brewery 6%con.sh. 96[illegible]	—
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"Tera" ord. sh. 1081	+5
Nesher 6% debs. "A" 109	—
6% debs. "B" c) 123	—
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218	+1
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Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupons; d) ex right; e) half div.; x) pruto; y) with coupons per June 15, 1955.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

At 2.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: 2 Men and a Girl.
EDEN: Seasonal At Security, 2nd week.
EDISON: Hans Christian Andersen.
ORGIL: Calamity Jane, 2nd week.
ORION: Salome, 2nd week.
ORNA: Dreamboat.
RON: So This Is Paris.
STUDIO: Kind Hearts and Coronets, 3rd week.
TEL OR: "Edouard et Caroline", 2nd week.
ZION HALL: Little Boy Lost.

TEL AVIV

At 2.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

ALLENBY: Verdi.
CHEN: The Caine Mutiny, 5th week.
EDEN: Sing of Jezebel, 3rd week.
ESTHY 1: "Cotton", 2nd week.
MOGRABI: How to Marry a Millionaire, 2nd week.
OPHIR: "Le Grand Jeu", 4th week.
ORION: City Lights, 3rd week.
TAMAR: The Captain's Paradise, 7.15 and 9.15. Also continuous from 9.45 a.m. to 5.45 p.m.
YARON: Lonely but not Alone.
ZAMIR: The Quiet Man, 2nd week. 7.15 and 9.30 p.m. Continuous from 10 a.m.: Flying Featherman.

HAIFA

PEER: "Messages", 3rd week.
GAL-OR: The Dolly Sisters, 2nd week. 4, 6.45 and 9 p.m. Matinee: High Lonesome.
AMPHITHEATRE: The Robe.
EN DOR: High Venture.
ORION: So Big, 2nd week

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Department of Taxation
IMPORTANT NOTICE
We hereby remind all property owners and residents in the jurisdictional area of Ramat Gan who are required to pay municipal rates, that the FINAL DATE for the payment of municipal rates for the fiscal year 1954/55 is MARCH 31, 1955.
We ask all ratepayers to remit their payments by this date so as to enable the Municipality to carry on all its services on behalf of the ratepayers.
The owners of lots on Parcels Nos. 6105, 6109, 6135, 6136, 6137, 6138, 6139, 6141, 6142, 6143, 6144, 6145, 6146, 6150, 6157, 6158, 6159, 6161, 6165, 6171, 6173, 6176, 6178, 6179, 6180, 6181, 6182, 6183, 6184, 6186, 6187, 6196, 6200, 6204, 6205, 6206, 6207, 6210, 6211, 6643 who are in arrear with payment of rates are informed hereby, that if they do not pay their rates by March 31, 1955, a 20% fine will be added to their accounts due, in accordance with the law, and their property will be foreclosed. The Municipality will take legal steps against delinquent rate payers until their debts have been paid.
The difficult financial position of the Municipality does not permit added concessions for rate-payments.
Avoid having to pay a fine! Remit your rates to the Municipal Cashier or to our collectors not later than March 31, 1955!
Payments may also be paid into our Bank Hapoalim Account No. 4560 or into our Account No. 165 at Bank Leumi.
Reception of Public:
Daily 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesday also 4—6 p.m.
NATHAN SHMUELY, Director, Department of Taxation
A. KRINIZI, Mayor
DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION, ROOM 36

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Exhibitions:—
Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: Excavations of a Canaanite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.), 28 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1.

Oil Paintings and Pen Drawings by Yosl Bergner. Exhibition of Paintings of the 17th century from the Museum's collection. Exhibit of the Month: Glass Vessel mounted in gold, 1st-3rd centuries A.D., gift of Mr. Jack Linsky, New York. Also Arts and Crafts Exhibition in memory of Mr. Y. Eisth. Bezalel Museum. 9-1, 2-5.

★ Exhibitions:—
1) Abstract and Surrealist Paintings. 2) Nahum Gutman, recent works. 3) Hiroshige colour woodcuts (Collection Dr. Moshkowitz). Tel Aviv Museum, 19 a.m.-4 p.m.

★ Theatre: —
Chamber Theatre, "Pantomima," Mograbi Hall, 8 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, Shakespeare's "As You Like It", Chamber Theatre Hall, 8 p.m.

HAIFA

★ Exhibitions: —
Paintings and sculptures by artists of the Kibbutz Artzi, and paintings by Shlomo Van Den Berg. Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7.

Ceramics by Mrs. Goldenstein-Berta; Drawings and Gouaches by Arabicum pictures by Mrs. Rana Shafir, 11-1, 5-7, Tzvetyn Art Gallery, Reh. Baerwald.

★ Lectures:—
Shlomo Van Den Berg on: "His own pictures" Museum of Modern Art, 7.30 p.m.

TIBERIAS

★ Theatre:—
Do-Re-Mi, "Rose from Istanbul," Aviv Cinema.

COMING EVENTS

JERUSALEM

The 6th Concert of the Jerusalem Chamber Music Society will take place on Saturday, March 5, at 8.30 p.m. at the Rubin Academy, Rehavia.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

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HAIFA: Rohar, 3 Arlosoroff, 3332. Anglo-American, 29 Ha'atzmaut, 2626. KIRYAT MOTZKIN: Puntagon. SAFAD: Feldmann.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. L. Romanoff, 11 Arlosoroff, 61217. Dr. B. Abeles, 19 Uzzielkih, 2026. Dr. H. Hurtoch, Katamon, 4524.
TEL AVIV: Dr. M. Shahum, 1 Syrkin, 28962. Dr. N. L. Sacher, 54 Sokolov, 29962. Dr. I. Grittel, 8 Ben Yehuda, 23466.
HAIFA: Dr. Sherman, 3 Hanevi'im, 3[illegible]. Dr. Ludwig, 3 Rehov Hen, 2[illegible].

Lecturers:—

Future of Israel American Friendship: Dr. E.A. Barkai Bet Ha'ev, Rehov Hazideen (near Menora Club), 7.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Concert: —
Piano Recital by Rebecca Bursztein-Arber: Bach Brahms: Chopin: Liszt.—Museum, 8.30 p.m.

★ Exhibitions:—
1) Abstract and Surrealist Paintings. 2) Nahum Gutman, recent works. 3) Hiroshige colour woodcuts (Collection Dr. Moshkowitz). Tel Aviv Museum, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

★ Theatre: —
Chamber Theatre, "Pantomima," Mograbi Hall, 8 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, Shakespeare's "As You Like It", Chamber Theatre Hall, 8 p.m.

HAIFA

★ Exhibitions: —
Paintings and sculptures by artists of the Kibbutz Artzi, and paintings by Shlomo Van Den Berg. Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7.

Ceramics by Mrs. Goldenstein-Berta; Drawings and Gouaches by Arabicum pictures by Mrs. Rana Shafir, 11-1, 5-7, Tzvetyn Art Gallery, Reh. Baerwald.

★ Lectures:—
Shlomo Van Den Berg on: "His own pictures" Museum of Modern Art, 7.30 p.m.

TIBERIAS

★ Theatre:—
Do-Re-Mi, "Rose from Istanbul," Aviv Cinema.

COMING EVENTS

JERUSALEM

The 6th Concert of the Jerusalem Chamber Music Society will take place on Saturday, March 5, at 8.30 p.m. at the Rubin Academy, Rehavia.

Tel Aviv Income Tax Administration announces:

The public is reminded that on March 10, 1955 the fourth advance tax payment falls due.

Employed taxpayers who did not receive Forms "Aleph" through the mails by February 28, 1955, will be able to obtain them after March 31, 1955 from the tax assessment officials, and not as previously announced.

DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA
P.R. 78/55

In the matter of the late Dr. Rafael Rudolf Pik of Ma'aran Mikhael, died on December 7, 1954.
PETITIONER: Grete Pik of Ma'aran Mikhael.
SUMMONS: Let all persons take notice that Grete Pik has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession of the late Dr. Rafael Rudolf Pik and that the said application will be heard on March 31, 1955 at 11.45 a.m.
Any person claiming any interest must appear at the said place and date, otherwise such order will be given as to the Court seems right.
S. BAZI — Registrar.
February 24, 1955.

DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA
P.R. 75/55

In the matter of the late Arieh Yarecsky, known also as Leib Yarecsky of Kfar Ata, died on December 31, 1954.
PETITIONER: Haim Yarecsky, represented by M. Lepkin and S. Goren, 13 Hanevi'im Street, Haifa.
SUMMONS: — Let all persons take notice that Haim Yarecsky has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession of the late Arieh Yarecsky, known also as Leib Yarecsky, and that the said application will be heard on March 22, 1955, at 10.45 a.m. Any person claiming any interest must appear at the said place and date, otherwise such order will be given as to the Court seems right.
S. BAZI — Registrar.
February 24, 1955.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JERUSALEM
Probate Appl. No. 28/55

In the matter of the will of LYDIA (Jirlea) DABOUTI deceased, from England, who died on June 13, 1950.
The Applicant: Johanna Cosgrove of 91 Onslow Gardens, Wellington, Surrey, England, represented by Mr. Isaac Braz, advocate of 12 Ahad Haam Street, Petah Tikva.
Notice is hereby given, that after the expiration of eight days from the publication hereof, an application will be heard in the District Court of Jerusalem for the sealing of the probate of the will of Lydia (Jirlea) Daroui late of 46 Ancaster Crescent, New Malden, Surrey, England, deceased, granted by the High Court of Justice at the Principal Probate Registry at London on the 29th day of July 1950.
Dated this 22nd day of February, 1955.
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Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Sheraz during the morning. Improving in the middle of the day.

	°A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	20	31	21	30
Tiberias	47	34	31	37
Haifa Port	26	31	28	28
Natanya	24	31	29	27
Tel Aviv Kirya	28	31	29	27
Tel Aviv Port	29	31	29	24
Lydda Airport	20	31	29	29
Jerusalem	15	27	26	23
Beersheba	23	29	30	23
S'dom	—	32	—	28
Eilat	28	34	28	28

°A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Maximum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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A NEW BRANCH of the Bank Leumi has been opened in Ehi-kun Rassco, Tel Aviv, the Bank's 51st in the country.

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A SPECIAL postal cancellation stamp will be used at the Beer Tuvia Post Office tomorrow to mark the 25th anniversary of the founding of the village.

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TWO MEMBERS of the Natorei Karta, detained yesterday for participating in an illegal demonstration outside the Children's Club of the Working Mothers' Organization in Jerusalem, are to serve suspended sentences imposed previously for the same offence. Altogether, five members of the group were detained.

FOR PARTICIPATING in a demonstration in front of the Club, Yehiel Cohen, 19, was given a suspended sentence of three months yesterday by the Jerusalem District Court. The youth promised not to participate in any more demonstrations.

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THE TRIAL of "Romek" Greenberg and three other persons accused of attempted theft at the Marein Antiques Shop in Zion Square, Jerusalem, was postponed yesterday until May due to the illness of the defence attorney.

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THE COMMITTEE of three Jerusalem Councillors set up to work out an agreement on Sabbath traffic postponed its meeting yesterday — for the second consecutive week — since one Councillor was still on vacation and a second "too busy" to attend.

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SUSPECTED OF having contracted polio three babies under one year old were brought to the Tel Litvinsky Hospital at the beginning of the week.

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FOR KEEPING 30 detonators in his home in Taos, in the Jerusalem Corridor, Benzion Aharon, 24, was fined IL25 yesterday by Dr. Benjamin Halevi, President of the Jerusalem District Court.

POPULAR LOAN WINNING NUMBERS

In yesterday's drawing of the Popular Loan, 1949/50, number 43337 won IL5,000, and No. 94324 won IL2,500. Number 65847 won IL1,000 and numbers 130635, 102083, 21480, 26022 won IL500 each.

Numbers 60933, 45478, 62084, 90813, 73772, 71629, 71811, 52108 won IL250 each and numbers 94087, 46760, 118656, 116325, 51178, 109171, 70497, 132375, 109432, 105978 won IL150 each.

Zim Pays Dividend To U.S. Shareholders

NEW YORK, Tuesday (INA). — Zim, the Israel navigation company of Haifa, announced the payment of an interim dividend of seven per cent for 1954 on its participating preference shares, all of which are held by Americans. This was reported yesterday by the American Israel Shipping Company, representatives of Zim in the U.S.

This is the third dividend paid on these shares to date.

A.P.B. INVESTMENTS TO PAY 9%

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Board of Directors of the APB Investment Company has resolved to propose to the forthcoming general meeting of the company a nine per cent dividend on its Ordinary shares for 1954.

TEACHERS' POLL

Over 80 per cent of those eligible voted yesterday in elections to the National Teachers Conference.

By midnight, 500 ballots had been counted from the Shomron and Emek Hefer districts; Lydda, Ramle and Holon. Slightly over 50 per cent went to lists affiliated with Mapai. There were only 16 Communist votes.

Out of a total of 971 votes cast in the Tiberias-Jordan Valley district, 153 went to Mapai, 37 to Mapam, 40 to Ahdut Ha'avoda and the rest distributed among other lists.

In the Negev, 119 out of approximately 200 possible votes were cast. In the voting for the National Committee, 55 ballots went to Mapai, 24 to the Religious list 23 to Mapam, 21 to Ahdut Ha'avodah.

In Jerusalem, 1,100 teachers voted out of the 1,200 eligible. In Haifa, the representatives of the Democratic (Communist) list were ejected by the police from the polling station for making speeches and obstructing the elections.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM: Frozen meat: 100 gr., Tuf Bet 2, temp. 29

TEL AVIV & SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Frozen meat: 100 gr., Tuf Bet 3, temp. 29. Margarine: 100 gr., Ayin 9, temp. 8. Imported butter: 100 gr., Ayin 1, temp. 10. Yellow cheese: 200 gr., no coupon, temp. 15. Eggs: 5, Ayin 11, temp. 8. Sugar: 1 kg. (1½ kg. on Aleph cards), Ayin 7, temp. 2. Butter for invalids: 100 gr.

HAIFA & NORTHERN DISTRICT: Eggs: 5, Ayin 11, temp. 8 for expectant mothers, 10 general, 30, 34, Nursing: 100 gr., Het Aleph 9, temp. 42. Cheese (White only): 200 gr., Tuf Aleph 8, temp. 46. Frozen

Eshkol Leaves to Find Extra Funds in US

Jerusalem Post Staff

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — "Tens of thousands of North African Jews are waiting eagerly to be brought to Israel, but they cannot come without great financial help from American Jewry, in addition to all it has done so far," the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, said here today, before leaving (by Swissair) for a 30-day visit to the U.S.

Mr. Eshkol said that, during his visit, he would hold talks with the heads of the Israel Bond Drive of the United Jewish Appeal to discuss new ways of financing the urgent needs of the State.

With reference to Mr. Henry Montor's application to resign from leadership of the U.S. Bond Drive, following disagreement between the enterprise and the U.J.A., the Minister stated that he hoped that everybody, including Mr. Montor, would understand the gravity of the situation and continue to participate in the work.

On Saturday, Mr. Eshkol is to attend a meeting in Washington of Jewish organizations from all parts of the U.S.

Yesterday, Mr. Eshkol and officials of the Foreign Currency Division of his Ministry met representatives of manufacturers of export goods in the North for a discussion on means of increasing exports. Mr. Eshkol also had a meeting with the Secretary of the Haifa Labour Council, Mr. Y. Almogi.

Fund Raisers Watch Immigrants Arrive

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — "Let's put an end to the *ma'barot* and get their inhabitants into decent housing," will be the slogan of the Allied Jewish Campaign to start in Philadelphia on March 31, Mr. Samuel Meinick, leader of 44 Philadelphia businessmen, said in the Port here this morning. The group, which is on a two-week visit, came to the Port to see the arrival of the s.s. Negbah which brought 342 immigrants, 304 of them from North Africa. During their tour, the group have visited *ma'barot*, *kibbutzim*, institutions and the main cities.

The ship brought 31 *halutzim* from Argentina and 10 immigrants from Western Europe and the U.S. Most of the North Africans were sent directly to agricultural settlements in Dishon, Manst, Kastina and Hartuv. Only three immigrants were sent to the Sha'ar Ha'aliyah reception camp.

Later in the day, the s.s. Golden Isles (the former Kedmah) arrived with 507 North African immigrants. They will disembark tomorrow morning. The majority (54 families) will go to the new training camp Massu'ah in the Lachish district which has been set up under the auspices of Hapoel Hamizrahi. Veteran members of Hapoel Hamizrahi *Kibbutzim* and *Moshavim* are awaiting the newcomers at the camp to help them overcome the first week's difficulties.

The other arrivals will be sent to various development areas, and a group of 20 young boys taken under the wing of Youth Aliya.

This afternoon, members of the "Philadelphia Caravan" visited the Hebrew Technion site on Mount Carmel. Several Technion professors were their dinner guests at the Zion Hotel.

Move To Encourage Western Immigration

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — About 2,500 immigrants are due to arrive in Israel during March, while in April only 1,800 are expected because shipping space will be needed for Pessah tourists, Mr. S. Z. Shragai, Head of the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department, said here this morning.

To encourage immigration from Western countries, the Government is now considering easing the transfer of capital and housing facilities, Mr. Shragai said. Last year, only 112 immigrants arrived from the U.S. and it is expected that this figure will be at least doubled during 1955. Emigration has dropped off and, since the renewal of mass immigration five months ago, only 1,300 persons have left the country, while 15,500 newcomers have arrived.

The absorption of North African immigrants is now very satisfactory, with two-thirds going straight to farms. The rest go to development areas or join relatives.

500 Persian Jews Said Ready to Immigrate

ISTANBUL, Tuesday (INA). — Some 500 Persian Jews are ready to immigrate to Israel and to settle in agricultural villages as soon as they arrive, Mr. Nahbon Ben Menahem, Director of the Jewish Agency Immigration Department, declared here today.

Mr. Ben Menahem is in Turkey en route to Persia to make arrangements for the prospective immigrants to leave. He said that it was necessary for them to undergo some preparation so that when they arrive in Israel they will be ready to go directly from ship to settlement.

NO 'BRIBES' FOR RUSSIAN EMIGRATION

The Foreign Ministry spokesman issued a categorical denial yesterday of a "New York Times" report alleging an offer by the Soviet Union to allow some Jews to emigrate on payment of $2,000 to $3,000 per person.

The Israel Conservatoire and Academy of Music in Tel Aviv
presents heartfelt greetings and wishes on the 30th anniversary of her arrival in Israel to
Rebecca Burstein-Arber
member of the Faculty
who has educated generations of musicians and is an example and inspiration to all who know her.

Coming Depression May Cool Us Off

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — As the second *sharav* to hit the country in less than a week continued for its third day, it was learned that only three or four times in the 100-year history of weather recording here have January and February produced such meagre quantities of rain.

Meteorological experts at Lydda could offer no more than a chance of a gradual decrease in temperature to be felt by tomorrow afternoon. There were still no signs of when the country could expect a substantial fall of rain for which farmers are so desperately praying. Every day that passes without rain makes less likely the chances of salvaging at least a part of their parched crops.

The only cheerful note the weatherman could strike was that the severe depression which has been causing such devastating storms in Europe while this country has been sweltering, is deepening and slowly approaching this area. It is now lying over eastern Libya. "about two days from here," but time alone will show whether it will reach Israel.

During this February, no measurable rain was recorded in Beersheba, where the average rainfall for the month is 40 mm., Mr. N. Rosenan, head of the climate and weather station network at the Meteorological Office at the Kirya here, told *The Jerusalem Post* today.

Many places in the Centre and South had as little as 15 per cent of their normal February rainfall. Tel Aviv (wettest place in Israel in this drought year) had only 12 mm., while Jerusalem, with 39 mm., has had a quarter of its monthly average. Only Misgav Am in the far North, and Mount Cana'an, received above 100 mm. leaving them still some 35 per cent below average.

A unique feature of this latest heat wave is that the country's highest temperatures have been recorded in this city, where the maximum, 30.5°, has probably been exceeded once only — in 1936, when the thermometer rose to 31.2°. Mr. Rosenan attributed some of the extreme heat suffered by Tel Aviv to the lack of normal winter storms which cool the atmosphere.

As far as rainfall is concerned, March is a very variable month, Mr. Rosenan commented. The fact that the last two months had been so dry made substantial rain in March and April more probable, but there are no fixed rules.

Beduin Testify In Marauder's Trial

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — An Egyptian infiltrator, charged with being in illegal possession of arms, involved in armed robbery and being a member of an armed gang, pleaded not guilty in the special Infiltrators Court here yesterday.

Three members of the Abu Asa (Israel) Beduin tribe testified before Judge Rav-Seren Binyamin Shchori that, last October 30, their tribe was attacked near Subeita by a force of 70 to 100 marauders who opened fire on them from all sides and, made off with 70 camels and 200 sheep. In the ensuing exchange of fire, three of the attackers were killed and three of the Israelis wounded.

The witnesses reported that, while following the tracks of the robbers, they had found the accused, Hassan Abu Jamus, 20, of Rassia, who had threatened them with a rifle. This they identified in court. The rifle sling was bloodstained because it had been shot out of the accused's hand. They said that he told his captors that he belonged to the Egyptian Army and was acting on orders from his unit commander, whom he named as a certain Abu Sayad. He carried an Egyptian identity card.

The accused, is said to have told the police that he had come to Israel to sell tobacco and had had nothing to do with the robbery. The rifle had been forced into his hands by his captors, he declared.

The prosecution denied the claim of Mr. Shlomo Golod that the police statement had been extorted under duress.

The judge is to hand down the verdict on March 21.

BUS CO-OPS REJECT ZOHAR FINDINGS

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The managements of the three bus cooperatives today decided to reject the findings of the Zohar Commission. They conveyed their decision to the Minister of Communications and the Histadrut Executive. The resolutions do not mention to possibility of a strike.

ISRAELIS 'ACTIVE' IN ATOM TRAINING

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Israelis have been "quite active" in preparing scientific personnel to harness the atom for peaceful purposes as well as in adopting combustion materials to obtain atomic energy, Dr. Israel Dostrovski, of the Weizmann Institute, told members of the Society for the Advancement of Science here today. He said that the process would take some time, however, before results could be seen.

Dr. A. D. Bergman opened the proceedings, which included an address by Mr. Walter Eytan, Director-General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

NEW COMPANY TO MARKET PETROL

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A new petrol marketing company has been formed following negotiations between the Esso oil company and Mr. Emil Geiber, president of the American Petroleum Corporation, with the participation of Israel investors. During the negotiations, the Israel Fuel Corporation acquired the terminal and installations of the Esso company here.

The new company, to be called The Petroleum Trade Organization Ltd., of Haifa, will continue receiving supplies from the same sources as Esso and will carry on Esso's marketing and distributing operations in Israel.

SIX CHARGES FOR UNAUTHORIZED MEAT

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Six complaints against cafe and butcher shop owners in Tel Aviv and Jaffa for holding meat without the slaughterhouse seal, were filed in the Magistrate's Court here today.

E. Cavalanski and E. Suvrov, owners of a sausage factory in Rehov Metz, were charged with offering for sale meat without a seal and minced camel meat. The former, together with Y. Fox, for offering meat without a slaughterhouse seal; I. and R. Veifera, cafe owners of Rehov Hasharon, for offering camel meat; P. and E. Anav, butchers and sausage factory owners of Rehov Levinsky, for offering pig meat, and B. Kaldron, butcher, of Rehov 3, Jaffa, for offering

MORE THAN 33,000 head of cattle in various districts have recently been immunized against foot and mouth disease.

Begin: End Clashes By 'Restoring Borders'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The only method of halting bloodshed once and for all is to restore the country's original boundaries, Mr. Menahem Begin, M.K. Chairman of Herut, told the sixth Herut Settlements Council conference which opened in Jerusalem yesterday. Mr. Begin noted that the Gaza Strip incident of Monday night was part of the vicious cycle of attack and be attacked which had prevailed since the establishment of the State.

He said that the distinguishing feature of Herut settlements was their independence of rigid party lines. Members of the movement's 13 settlements were not restricted to the reading of one newspaper and were not obliged to assume membership in the party, he said.

It is hoped that at least one Herut settlement will be established in the Negev during the coming year, Mr. Mordechai Ulmart, chairman of the meeting, stated.

Haifa Police Drive Reduces Accidents

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The record lowest accident rate on the coastal highway between Zichron Ya'acov and Haifa was reported for February by the Traffic Police Headquarters here today. In a total of seven accidents, three persons were slightly injured and four cars were damaged.

February was the second consecutive month of the safety drive contest between two mobile patrols of the Haifa traffic police which will continue until March 31. In February, 1954, the accident figures on that section of the highway were 18 accidents, three deaths, seven persons seriously injured and 12 slightly injured.

"Drivers are becoming safety-conscious," the Haifa Traffic Police chief, Mr. Moshe Shlassky, said today. He revealed that "summonses were now fewer than ever." The most frequent offences were dangerous overtaking, speeding and blinding with headlamps.

GIRL KILLED ON ROAD

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Five-year-old Lulu Daziria, of 39 Rehov Hawadi, here, was fatally injured when knocked down by a bakery van outside her house yesterday afternoon. She died this morning in the Rambam Hospital.

The van driver was detained for questioning. The girl was running across the road when she was hit.

Habimah Rejects Opera's Complaints

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Counter-charges against the Hebrew Opera Company over its latest disputes with the Habimah Theatre were made by the Theatre at a Press Conference called here today to meet Mr. Julius Gellner, its guest director from England.

The Opera Company has filed a suit against Habimah on whose premises their stage property, valued at IL375,000 was stored. Allegations were made that the storerooms there had been broken into by force during the night and that property had been removed.

A spokesman for the Theatre said that Habimah had guarded the property for a long time. Its demands to the company for it to be removed had met with no response. Its presence made it impossible to keep the Theatre clean.

Far from doing anything about finding alternative accommodation for the property, the Opera Company had put in more boxes without permission. Finally, there had been no alternative but to transfer the property to a bonded warehouse without receiving the permission of the Company's management.

However, the keys of this warehouse had been handed over to Mr. S. Even-Zohar of the Opera, who had confirmed their receipt.

HAIFA LANDMARK BEING DEMOLISHED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Beit Maccabi in Rehov Herzl, a Haifa landmark, is being pulled down to make way for a new wing of Beit Hakranot over which two storeys will be added. Work began today. The scheme has aroused controversy as it will block the view from Rehov Herzl of the Technion and the Carmel.

There will be a new Beit Maccabi in Rehov Shaked Levy.

Rosen Opens District Court in Nazareth

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH, Tuesday. — An air of solemnity filled the courtroom here today as the Minister of Justice, Mr. Pinhas Rosen, declared Nazareth the seat of the Galilee District Court and Judge Shalom Kassan as its Retiring President. Judge Kassan was welcomed by the Minister; Haifa District Court President Y. Assia; Mayor Amin Jarjura; Dr. R. Goitschalk, on behalf of the Bar Association; District Attorney L. Rabinowitz and a representative of the Military Governor.

"I hope that this important event will open a new page in the history of this holy town," Judge Kassan replied with evident emotion. "Let me begin this high task with a prayer, and ask the Almighty to give me strength and wisdom to judge this people, all the people, with righteousness and patience."

"This Court," he said, "will be open to all who seek justice, without regard to their nationality or creed. In this building, the highest principles of justice will prevail."

Mr. Rosen pointed out that "Judge Kassan was born in Jerusalem, and has a profound knowledge of all the communities in this country, their languages and habits. I hope his presence will inspire mutual understanding among the various communities in this historic city."

Later, a gathering, presided over by Judge Asulai, brought together senior members of bench and bar, the Mayor of Nazareth and Councillors, senior Defence Forces and police officers, religious dignitaries and other prominent citizens.

Judge Kassan, 53, a fourth generation Jerusalemite, graduated from the Jerusalem Law School. He then studied for nine years in American Universities. He was appointed Haifa Magistrate in 1937 and in 1942 was transferred to Tel Aviv. He was elevated to the District Court bench in 1947.

'Little Girls Chased Me,' Mizan Said

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A discussion on mental sickness took place in the District Court here yesterday during the trial of Victor Mizan for the murder of young Rahel Levin.

Dr. S. Beraha, witness for the prosecution, questioned by the Defence on Mizan's condition, said that at periods the accused would speak unintelligibly, would tear his clothes and anything else at hand, and expressed a fear that Arabs were pursuing him, all of which were symptoms of a serious illness.

Asked about the effects of the "truth drug," the witness said that they depended on the person. The drug possessed a purely suggestive influence. When it was administered to Mizan in hospital in March last year, he denied any association with Rahel Levin. The following June, when his condition was somewhat better, he was asked if this was the first time he had associated with young girls. He replied that "in Egypt very often, but I am not guilty, the girls chased me and said that I was a nice boy." Later, he added that he was referring to girls from one-and-a-half to five years of age.

The case, being heard by Relieving President M. Kennet, and Judges I. Zundelewitz and E. Mani, will be resumed tomorrow. *(Ilan)*

Emigrant Disappears

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Haifa police today began to investigate the mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Rosa Patt who, with her husband and three children, left as emigrant aboard the s.s. Negbah for Europe on her way to Australia. The woman could not be found when the ship reached Italy.

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They're Eating Our Strawberries Now

Jerusalem Post Staff

Israel strawberries will be on sale in Zurich and Stockholm this morning — less than 24 hours after their despatch from here.

Two consignments, each of 20 kilos, were flown by KLM from Lydda Airport yesterday. Some 6,000 gladioli ordered by English merchants and marketed by Truva Export were flown to England yesterday by Swissair and El Al.

Exporters to Subsidize Goods from Turkey

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Government has decided on a new arrangement designed to increase trade with Turkey.

Exporters will be required to turn over 10 per cent of the value of their shipments to Turkey to a fund for reducing the cost of imports from that country, it is learned from officials close to the Ministry of Finance.

The present 10 per cent disagio is not affected by the new plan.

For the first two months of the operation of the plan, exporters and the Government will contribute equal shares to the fund. From then on, the entire 10 per cent will be paid by the exporters.

After the first two months, the Government will continue to participate in reducing the prices of imports from Turkey through the subsidy fund.

Trade Delegation Off to Finland

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — A five-man Israel commercial delegation, headed by the director of the Economic Department of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. M. Bartur, left by SAS today for Helsinki for talks on a new commercial agreement with Finland.

The other members of the delegation are Mr. M. Golan, of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Mr. N. Artstein, of the Bank of Israel, Mr. A. Friedman, Israel Consul in Helsinki, and Mr. R. Baruch, Deputy Inspector of Foreign Currency.

Mr. Bartur pointed out the steady increase of Israel exports to Finland in the past five years — from $1,222,000 in 1950 to $6,812,000 in 1954 — and the corresponding increase in imports from that country. For the new agreements, Israel offers Finland mainly citrus, cars and tires, while Finland will supply mainly timber and paper. Two representatives of the Israel Publishers Association are to leave for Finland in the next few days in order to buy newsprint. *(Ilan)*

SCANDINAVIA TO GET RECORD CITRUS LOAD

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The season's largest single consignment of citrus, 100,000 cases, is now being loaded here on the s.s. Nyland for export to Scandinavia. The previous record was 85,000 cases taken by the s.s. Birkaland. So far, 3,538,000 cases of citrus have been shipped from Haifa this season.

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Turks Apologize For Anti-Semitism

ISTANBUL, Tuesday (INA). — The daily newspaper, "Anafartalar," of Canakkare, today published a front page editorial apologizing to the Jewish community of this city.

Some months ago, the newspaper published two virulently anti-Semitic editorials, after which Jewish community leaders appealed to the public prosecutor for protection. The latter, on the basis of the complaint, began a libel action against the paper which ended with the public apology.

Sarper March Chairman Of Security Council

UNITED NATIONS, Monday (UP). — Under the principle of alphabetical rotation of chairmanships of security bodies, presiding officers for March will be:

Security Council: Mr. Selim Sarper, of Turkey, succeeding Mr. Victor Andres Belaunde, of Peru.

Military Staff Committee: Maj.-Gen. Ilya M. Sarayev, of the Soviet Union, succeeding Gen. Marcel Penette, of France.

Disarmament Commission: Mr. Jayme de Barros, of Brazil, succeeding Mr. Fernand van Langehove, of Belgium.

Jordan Celebrates King's Engagement

AMMAN, Tuesday (Reuter). — Jordan cities today celebrated the engagement of King Hussein to Princess Dina.

Decorations, flags and arches were set up in the streets of the capital to greet the King and his future Queen, and the press published pictures and stories recounting their lives.

In the Royal Palace, King Hussein received his Prime Minister, Tewfik Abu'l Huda, Cabinet Ministers, Senators, foreign diplomatic missions, and prominent personalities.

LEBANESE NEWSPAPER BANNED IN FRANCE

PARIS, Tuesday. — The Government today banned the distribution and sale on French territory of the Lebanese newspaper, "Al Akhbar," which is published in Paris.

No reason was given for the ban, which was published in the official journal.

FENCE. — India may fence off the entire 250 kilometres of her border with Portuguese Goa to prevent smuggling, Mr. K. Chanda told the Council of State yesterday.

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Cables in Brief

CRASH. — Five persons were killed when a U.S. Air Force Boeing B-47 jet bomber crashed into four houses and a trailer park near Lake Charles in Louisiana just before midnight on Monday.

TANK. — An atomic-powered tank is being developed at the Detroit Arsenal, it was revealed to members of the Society of Automotive Engineers here yesterday.

ENVOY. — Mr. Mao Tse-tung, Chinese head of State, yesterday appointed Mr. Wu Hsiu-Chuan as Ambassador to Yugoslavia, Peking Radio reported. He was relieved of his post as Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs which he has held for several years.

CHAPLIN. — Charles Chaplin's 25 per cent interest in United Artists had been sold to the company, it was announced in New York yesterday. The sale severed his last connection with the U.S. film industry. United Artists was founded by Mr. Chaplin, Mary Pickford and the late Douglas Fairbanks in 1919.

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THE clash which occurred on Monday between the Israel and Egyptian forces near Gaza climaxes the tension and unrest along this border due to the continuous acts of aggression which have distinguished Egyptian policy for months and more particularly in recent weeks. The fact that in many instances the United Nations Mixed Armistice Commission condemned Egypt had no deterrent effect; she swallowed the report and proceeded to further acts of provocation in the same way as she has completely ignored all U.N. protests against her interference connection with the freedom of passage through the Suez Canal which were made when the issue of the Bat Galim was before the Security Council.

THE LOGIC OF EVENTS

Egypt has long proclaimed that she is in a state of war with Israel, and uses this argument to invoke a clause of the Constantinople Convention of 1888 to justify piratical actions taken with regard to Israel shipping and Suez. Her spokesmen have never ceased to harp on this state of hostility in general and specific terms. Thus two months ago, the Minister of National guidance, Major Salah Salem told Syrian journalists in Cairo that Egypt would refuse to conclude peace with Israel even if the latter were to implement all the United Nations resolutions regarding her frontiers. Last July he stated that the Egyptian army was ready to take the field against Israel and that it might attack this country as soon as the British troops were out of the Canal zone.

Israel has accustomed herself to the atmosphere of threats and menaces from Egypt but recently the matter was carried a stage further and Egypt crossed the dangerous margin that lies between words and deeds.

In the past six months, seven Israel citizens were killed and 24 wounded by Egyptian attacks across the Gaza Strip. During the same period Israel forces clashed 40 times with Egyptian forces which crossed the border into Israel territory. Twenty seven armed Egyptian incursions have taken place during the same period. Nine serious cases of sabotage and mining have been carried out by elements of the Egyptian armed forces under the command of the Egyptian headquarters in the Gaza Strip which directed acts of sabotage, murder and espionage in Israel territory.

During the past week it has become quite clear that this country is no longer confronted with mere marauding but that units of the Egyptian army intelligence services attempted to operate in Israel territory, murdering civilians, raiding in the suburbs of towns and plundering from local installations. Egyptian scouts have been caught by the army and sentenced to various prison terms and ten have been killed in clashes with Israel patrols while five escaped.

This has made Israel conscious of the fact that Egypt's belligerent statements were more than mere talk. Their men have been conducting extensive patrolling and sabotage operations in Israel territory and if now in the course of its continued incursions into Israel territory the Egyptian army suddenly found itself and particularly the centre of its intelligence services in Gaza, painfully and effectively confronted with the logic of the doctrine it has been preaching and practicing it should occasion no surprise. There has been no change of policy here. As long ago as last October the Israel Foreign Ministry felt itself constrained to issue a strongly worded statement in which it insisted that an end be put one way or another to the perpetual threat to the lives and property of Israelis.

During the whole of this period Israel showed goodwill and patience, and reliance on the efforts of the United Nations and the views expressed to Egypt by the Great Powers. Unfortunately her reliance was not rewarded by any amelioration of the situation, but rather by a state of affairs which threatened the security of daily life for the citizens of an extensive part of this country. For the bitter and tragic results represented in the loss of life announced from Cairo, the Egyptian authors of the campaign of frightfulness are alone to blame.

SEATO Council Only Advisory

Strictly Limited Powers for Collection of Big Names

By PHILIP DEANE

BANGKOK, (OPNS).—THE South-East Asia Treaty Organization conference here ended in a victory for Sir Anthony Eden's genius for saying "Yes" when he meant "No." The meetings followed the course that the British Foreign Secretary wanted them to follow, and Mr. Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, has got very little which he did not already have even before the signing of the Manila Treaty (which established SEATO). The British had never been very keen on SEATO and Sir Anthony had accepted such an organization in principle as part of a bargain struck with Mr. Dulles over the Geneva conference. It looks now, from Mr. Dulles' point of view, (and not in the absolute sense) that it was a bad bargain.

The contest was not fought at Bangkok. Things had already been settled during the past few months by a committee of experts from the SEATO signatories' meeting in Washington. There the British had imposed their view that collective security cannot be worked in South-East Asia the way it has been worked in Europe, and that the views of the nations opposing collective security in this area were as important as the views of those who were willing to follow a Western lead — India, Burma, Indonesia and Ceylon, in other words, should count equally in Western strategic and political planning in Asia with Pakistan, Siam and the Philippines.

Mr. Dulles knew that he was not going to get his way when he arrived in Bangkok, and during the first secret session he made a long speech full of disappointed undertones. "It is all very well," he said in effect, "for you to disapprove of my policies, especially on Formosa and Korea. But if the United States had allowed Formosa and Korea to fall, the Communists would have been able to concentrate far more on South-East Asia, and no amount of neutralism would have saved the area."

Impressive Name

Still Mr. Dulles did get some sort of organization, with an impressive collective name, which should calm America's uneasiness of acting by herself and without support from her allies whom she has helped so much. Beyond that, there is very little in the results of the conference which met to discuss the problems of the Communist military threat against South-East Asia; the problem of subversion, and economic aid. A SEATO council has been set up at Bangkok, empowered to "discuss and advise." It will have a body of military advisers who will tour the various countries of the treaty and study problems of defence. No recommendations of the council are binding, and no forces have been put at its disposal.

It was carefully explained to correspondents that the transfer of some Australian troops to Singapore had been decided long before SEATO was conceived. Moreover, this new SEATO council and its military advisers will not be anything like a unified command. They will be able to advise that more military aid be given to some threatened area, but there will be no common pool from which to give the aid. The U.S. will go on giving the aid as before, and as it will be on the committee and the decisions reportedly are going to be unanimous, the procedure boils down to the U.S. advising the U.S. to give more aid. This way, of course it might look better to the U.S. Senate.

On the second subject of subversion, the main function of the new council will be to exchange information on how best to deal with this threat. But here again Britain has made it abundantly clear that this exchange of information should be on a bilateral basis, as has been the practice so far. On the economic front, too, nothing has changed. Britain took the view that Asian members of SEATO should not be favoured more than the nations outside the treaty, because this might look a sort of blackmail effort to press-gang the backward Asians into membership.

There was no British objection to someone giving aid to an Asian member of SEATO if that member incurred military expenses on behalf of the organization — America is, in any case, doing this already. Economic aid however, Britain insisted, should be distributed through the Colombo Plan. This large and mixed membership is no asset to the British view. But there was no commitment on the part of the Americans to give more funds for the Colombo Plan. This was to be expected, considering that last week the United States Secretary for the Treasury had categorically denied rumours of his country's intention to increase its economic aid to Asia.

The most disappointed man over these developments seemed to be Mr. Mohammad Ali, Prime Minister of Pakistan, who has nothing to show for his participating in SEATO, despite the opposition of his neighbours, and against a strong neutralist tendency in Pakistan which is second in intensity only to that country's distrust of India. Now he goes home after being told publicly that the neutralists have as much right to American aid as has Pakistan.

The Australians were also a little disappointed. They would have preferred firmer military commitments. The French were not really interested. First, they were without a government, and then they are anxious to stay friendly with the Vietminh for commercial reasons and they still resent being replaced by the Americans as the main Western influence in Laos and Cambodia.

That, of course, is inevitable, since in the past few months it is American money which has helped strengthen Siam, thereby protecting the flanks of the two Indo-Chinese States. And it is more American money that is building roads which will link Cambodia and Laos with Siam, making them independent of Saigon, should that port fall to the Vietminh.

Siam perhaps is best satisfied. She has the prestige of the SEATO headquarters, and she has reasons to expect continuing American aid. She will also, inevitably, have the role of drumming up new membership. Sir Anthony Eden used this question of membership as his main argument: nothing should be done to discourage new members from joining. But nothing has been done to attract them either. Even Mr. Dulles' last-minute promises of atoms for peace were not exclusive. Neutralists can have some too.

Still, the very weaknesses of the Bangkok results (which had been implicit in the actual wording of the Manila treaty) might reduce Indian pressure on Britain, and from the powerless council that has just been set up, something more effective might grow.

Nature Notes

Prayerful and Soulful

ONE of these sunny winter days, unseasonably warm and pleasant, when half the village, your correspondent included, was groaning in the throes of the flu, the children brought me something they hoped would interest me. It was bunched up in a small marmalade jar and looked much like a portrait of a Victorian "Lady in Maroon," one of those super-elegant beings Du Maurier loved to draw for "Punch" — unnaturally slim waist and uncalled-for ruffles everywhere, especially in places better toned down than stressed.

I looked at the lady languidly: she returned my gaze balefully. However, tipped out of the constricting jar onto a tray, she immediately assumed a posture characteristic of her, all gentleness and soul: the ruffled tail was let down decently, the huge sleeved and ruffled fore-arms were folded in prayer, the protruding eyes glanced straight ahead, the whole attitude in its immobility suggesting nothing but communion with the eternal spirit.

Appearances are deceptive. The soulful Victorian lady was a Praying mantis *(Mantis religiosa)*, "the tiger of the insect world," a creature that preys on its brother insects. But from antiquity onward its posturing has been regarded as saintly and prayerful, our Moslem neighbours even maintaining that it always turns to Mecca in prayer! Actually, the posture is vicious and rapacious, for the huge spined forelegs — such as no other insect has — are raised ready to grab and crush the mantis' prey.

We have many species of mantis in Israel, the prettiest sporting green polka-dotted wings. They have developed mimicry to a marvellous extent, but can never be confused with any other insect: the form and size of the sabre-toothed first pair of legs reveals them for what they are.

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PEN FRIENDS

We have a list of 20 14-year-old Los Angeles schoolchildren who want pen friends in Israel who speak and write English. Will anyone interested in obtaining an address write to "Pen Friends," *The Jerusalem Post*?

Olavi Lahte, 19-year-old Finnish undergraduate of Kochenniska, Oulu, Finland, whose hobbies are literature, music, theatre and films, could correspond in English or German with an interested Israeli.

Yesterday's Press

Political Appeal to Teachers

MOST newspapers comment on the elections to the teachers association. This organization of more than 12,000 members, says "Davar" (Histadrut) has achieved a great deal in promoting both Hebrew education and the professional interests of its members. The paper stresses the close ties between the teachers and the Histadrut and calls on them to demonstrate their attachment in the elections. "Haboker" (General Zionist) on the other hand, complains about too much politics and "class conscience" among the teachers and their organization, whose activities still reflect the "trends" that have been abolished by unified education.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) surveys the professional problems of the teacher and calls on him to vote for Mapam, not Mapai. "Lamerhav" (Ahdut Ha'avoda) also criticizes Mapai, and about ten other lists, whose political programme and backing it says, are not clear at all. It appeals to the teachers to vote for Ahdut Ha'avoda.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) says that the Communist list was admitted only at the very last moment — not because the party had difficulties in enlisting the minimum number of signatures but because the existence of a Communist list would have made Mr. Abba Eban's diplomatic manoeuvres in America more difficult.

"Herut" attacks Mapai for having made of the teachers association a regular trade union whose decisions even on purely professional matters have to be confirmed by such outsiders as Mr. Aharon Becker of the Histadrut. The teachers association should become an independent, non-political body and this will best be accomplished, the paper maintains, by voting for the Herut list.

"Lamerhav," "Haboker" and other papers publish detailed reports about the recent activities of the patrols sent by the Egyptian intelligence service which culminated in the murder of Henry Levi near Rehovot and the breaking into a government building nearby. "Lamerhav" publishes a list of Egyptian agents seized in 1954 and all enlisted by the Egyptian military espionage service in Gaza, listing the instructions given to them.

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) having given previously much prominence to the new crisis in the relations between the United Jewish Appeal and the Independence Loan in the U.S., criticizes the Government for not intervening in this dispute. It thinks that Mr. Eshkol, now in the U.S., should recommend that Mr. Henry Monter's resignation be accepted.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) comments on a new state project for encouraging saving (by investing the money in citrus groves, etc.) but expresses the belief that such schemes will succeed only if they are accompanied by substantial income tax reductions.

Oil Drills on from Carmel to Negev

By DAN MENDELSOHN

THE first company to start drilling for oil in Israel was the "Joint Venture" of Lapidot and Israel Oil Prospectors, in 1953. It picked a historic date, November 2, for the official beginning, and the first well was sunk at a site called Masal One, known in Arabic as Nekeb Masal. The drillers at Masal had mixed luck. They drilled down to 597 metres, encountering unusual difficulties, and stopped at the beginning of May. They found asphalt impregnated rocks and drilling was discontinued for the time being because of technical difficulties.

From Masal One the drillers went to Masal Two, two-and-a-half kilometres farther east. Here water was tapped at a depth of less than 100 metres, flowing at 60 cubic metres an hour and too brackish for drinking, but very important for further drilling and other development projects in the area.

During October and November the "Joint Venture" conducted a seismological survey in the area between Nekeb Masal and the south shore of the Dead Sea. Its central oil well was "Kidduah Bet" at Beeri in the Western Negev, abandoned this month after reaching a depth of 3,848 metres in seven months.

The company is satisfied with the data which the drilling provided in that practically virgin oil land. The hole, dug under the supervision of experts hired from the American Kerr-McGee company, was a beautiful job, the Israel workers gaining proficiency during the long weeks of uninterrupted drilling. It was hard, exacting work, with the bits wearing out in the terrific heat after every few precious feet.

Meanwhile the "Joint Venture" people started geophysical surveys in two additional areas, at Jabl Kara in the Western Negev, and Massada near the Dead Sea. Several core holes were dug in Jabl Kara in order to gather structural information. At the foot of the renowned Massada cliff, difficult drilling was carried on through hard rock down to 626 metres by means of a small rotary dig. A larger rotary drill is continuing the drilling which may reach a depth of 1,000 metres or more.

In the two new areas the oil company had to invest in extensive preparatory road building, the supply of water to the remote locations posing a special problem.

The "Joint Venture" possesses nine petroleum licences over an area of two million dunams and has invested some $2m. so far. It is made up of the Lapidot Company (financed by the Meirorot Water Company and Ampal, the Histadrut's American investment company) and of Israel Oil Prospectors (financed by Soiel Boneh, Mr. Y. Federman, one of the owners of the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv, and a group of American investors from Florida, known as the "Miami Group" and headed by Mr. Max Orovitz and Mr. Sam Friedland). The Jordan-Exploration Company has a 25 per cent interest in the companies' ventures in the Dead Sea area.

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THE second firm to start deep drilling was the Israel Continental Oil Company, whose giant rig rotary drill started in with a splash on September 21, at the Carmel One site in Zichron Ya'acov, only three weeks after the arrival of a Texas crew with all the necessary equipment. In charge of operations is the Pontiac Petroleum Drilling Company, half partner in the Canadian-financed Israel Continental, under the direct supervision of its general manager, Mr. Konrad Smykgold. This Polish-born petroleum engineer, an oil man through and through, makes his home in Wichita Falls, Texas and can outdo many a native Texan. With the experience of 30 years of wildcatting behind him he boasts the enviable record of one successful drilling out of every three attempted.

At the end of one month of drilling, by the end of October, the bit at Carmel One ground the rock at 2,675 feet. At this point the drillers had to set casing and cement off the upper Fresh Water Formations with 800 sacks of cement because drilling mud was being lost.

By the beginning of November the geolograph, an automatic depth charting instrument, indicated 3,100 feet. At 3,333 feet the drilling bit ran through a 21-metre long subterranean cave and again mud circulation was lost. It was a long and hard fight to surmount this obstacle as well. By the end of November regular fast drilling was again resumed and later the 4,000-feet mark was reached.

Last month the bit went into a layer of limestone impregnated with asphalt, which proved 2,430 feet deep, then wended its way this month into "highly fractured voggy dolomite with what appeared to be crude oil stain in the voggs and fractures."

Oil Traces Mooted

The company believes that there had at one time been oil in that formation. It had seeped out into the limestone above, but it convinced the company's geologists that Israel was a petroliferous country. The Pontiac Petroleum people also said that the order of the formations throughout the drilling was more promising than had originally been expected. Another prominent feature was the discovery of large amounts of sweet water at the two unusual depths of 6,072 and 6,654 feet.

The geograph now shows a depth of 10,000 feet and drilling is expected to continue with 3.5-inch drills down to 11,000 feet. A new site, east of Carmel One, is likely to be attempted shortly and, fully aware that a very extraordinary touch of luck is needed to strike oil in commercial quantities at the first drilling in a new territory, Mr. Smykgold is preparing for future drilling.

The licence areas of the Israel Continental Oil Company, which cover 2,300,000 dunams in Emek Zevulun, the Beisan Valley, the Carmel, the Shomron and the Negev have been surveyed geologically. Three holes were drilled for the company in the Caesaria area during the early period of operations and a close geological survey has recently been undertaken in the Beisan Valley. At the same time, extensive mapping has been done throughout the Carmel, where the company believes that there are some promising structures. Trial drills have just started in the Kurdaneh area and northwest of Beersheba.

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A LITTLE over a year ago two new American corporations listed their stock on U.S. exchanges. One was called Pan-Israel Oil, and its shares sold like hot cakes; the other was named Mediterranean Petroleum, and its stock did not do so well. The directors of the companies were puzzled. Mediterranean's business aims and methods were identical to those of Pan-Israel; like the latter, it intended to prospect in Israel and was affiliated to the "Buckley Group" of interests, which have carried on oil ventures in Canada, the U.S. and Venezuela for the past 35 years. The same director-general was to head the two new companies.

Market research was undertaken and dug up the reason for the slow sales of Mediterranean stock. The word Israel had been omitted from its title. The mistake was soon corrected; ever since the company has been known as the Israel-Mediterranean Petroleum Company, its stock has sold.

The ten licence areas of the two sister companies total over 3m. dunams from Mount Carmel along the coastal plain to the Western and Central Negev. All of these areas were subjected to pre-drilling surveys and examinations and before the first deep well was sunk at Tel e-Safi near Kfar Menahem, no less than 32 core holes had been drilled to depths of 3,000 feet to determine the geological structures. A difficult five kilometres of unpaved road had to be made negotiable to transport the Ideco drilling rig from the Kfar Menahem highway to the drilling site in the Judean foothills.

Novice workers struggled with the huge steel structures and it took about two weeks instead of a few days to set it up. Finally, on October 5, 1954, in the presence of a large crowd Mr. I.B. Brodie, of New York, pushed the button which started the rotary drill.

Using the water of an old Arab well nearby, the drillers at Tel e-Safi started at a fast pace and reached 500 feet within three days. Here they encountered their first bit of trouble, running into lost circulation. They cemented casing and carried on, and the bit chewed up the rock at over 1,000 feet by the end of October after another cementing job.

Lost circulation continued sporadically throughout the second 1,000 feet, coupled with the drilling difficulties usually encountered in unknown oil territory. But while the Joint Venture went down at Beeri with a minimum of difficulty and while Israel Continental was coping vigorously and successfully with its problems at Carmel One, the hole at Tel e-Safi undoubtedly had the poorest luck of all, reaching only 3,160 feet after three months.

The Tri-Continent Drilling Company of the Panatapec Oil Company, drilling contractors connected with the Buckley Group, is employed at Tel e-Safi by Pan-Israel and Israel-Mediterranean. The Tri-Continent outfit is headed in Israel by its General Manager, Mr. John Bailey, a petroleum engineer with 20 years experience in oil fields in North and South America.

The operation base and equipment store of the Tri-Continent Drilling Company have been set up in the development area of Rehovot. Meantime no additional wells will be dug, because of the difficulties at Tel e-Safi.

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ABOUT 18 months before American business discovered that the word "Israel" coupled with the word "Oil" could sell stock to investors, a Wyoming oil company known as Husky, which does an annual business of $16m. from its oil wells and refineries, became interested in Israel and began exploration work. Then, encouraged by the brisk sale of other oil companies' stock, towards the end of last year it formed a corporation named Israel-American Oil Corporation and floated $1.5 m. worth of stock (it plans to sell as much as $3m.)

The new company operated unobtrusively from its headquarters in the King David Hotel. It secured seven licences for hunting petroleum over a total of two-and-a-quarter million dunams. All of its territory was thoroughly investigated, to establish how drilling for oil should be eventually conducted. In the Petah Tikva area alone the company dug 33 core holes, aiming perhaps to drill a deep test in that area some day.

American-Israel, concentrated on geological and geophysical exploration before selecting a site for its first deep test well. Then, at the beginning of November last, it came out into the open, announced that it would soon start drilling at a site between Sde Boker and Kfar Yeroham in the Negev. The management explained that its knowledge of the terrain was extensive, its men were even more familiar with it than with the Dead Sea area, which the president of the company, Mr. Louis Franklin, knows well from the test drillings that he conducted there for the Jordan Exploration Company in 1946-47.

Preparatory work included two-and-a-half kilometres of road work and the laying of 11 kilometres of six-inch water pipe. (The Government and the Jewish Agency participated in the cost, for the pipe also assures a water supply to Sde Boker and its vicinity).

The Israel-American Oil Corporation contracted for the drilling of its first deep test with the Israel well contracting firm of Mifalei Hamayim Ltd. which employs American drillers. Drilling began on December 4, 1954 in the presence of David Ben-Gurion and Mr. Glenn E. Nielson, president of the Husky Oil Company. The company has since started structure test drilling in the Halutza area as well.

This is the second of three articles.

Herdsman & Dairy Farmer!

This is a typical case of Foot-and-Mouth disease.

The Government Veterinary Services

Readers' Letters

ARMY DRIVERS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Some drivers of army and police vehicles are among the most reckless and dangerous to be encountered on our roads. Although I have no access to statistics, I am certain that the number of accidents involving such vehicles cannot be small.

What are the methods of checking these drivers, if indeed there are any, and who gives them "reports"?

Yours, etc.
DR. HARRY POLLAK

Nahariya, January.

Ministry of Defence Replies

Traffic offences by military drivers are regarded with the strictest severity. Not only does the military police check such vehicles but the regular police also has the right to stop a military vehicle whose driver has disregarded traffic rules and to report it to the proper military authorities.

It should be noted that in general there has been a decrease in military traffic offences in the last year.

Yours, etc.,
Public Relations Officer

January.

Ministry of Police Replies

The number of road accidents involving police vehicles during 1954, was 286. At least half this number did not involve civilian vehicles.

There are, of course, strict internal regulations which obligate police drivers to drive in accordance with the general driving regulations and the principles of road courtesy. Any member of the police who breaks these regulations is brought before a disciplinary court.

Y. SHOHAT
I.G.'s Office

Tel Aviv, February 8.

Income Tax Courtesy

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — So much comment has appeared lately in the Press on the subject of income tax oppression, that I feel that I must take pen in hand to state that it all depends upon the attitude of the public.

Since 1941, when the Mandatory authorities initiated income tax here, I have always been received courteously by the staff, with one exception, which was reported to the director. He immediately took the matter up and I subsequently received an apology.

A soft answer turneth away wrath. The public must be educated to treat government officials with respect, and then it will in turn be received courteously.

Yours, etc.
HARRIS SEAL

MUSICAL DIARY

Jerusalem Labour Council Cultural Department. Alexander Kagan, piano (Beit Hahalutzot, February 27): Bach: Fantasy and Fugue in A-minor; Rameau: Gavotte varies in A-minor; Couperin: The Two Chos; Schumann: Kreisleriana, Fantasy op. 16; Faure: Nocturne no. 1; Ravel: Toccata; Chopin: 2 Nocturnes.

WE had to miss the first part of Alexander Kagan's only Jerusalem piano recital but we were happy to arrive just in time for Schumann's Kreisleriana (dedicated to Chopin), read fantifully yet strong and expressive in construction, due to the formal influence of Bach.

The pianist was very much at home in the Nocturne and in the restlessness of Ravel's toccata. The climax came with the exciting pitching gondola-rhythm of Chopin's Barcarolle, though it might have been played more sensitively and tenderly in places. The accoustics of the hall and the instrument left much to be desired.

Jerusalem Y.M.C.A. Live Programme. Lola Granetzman (February 23): Beethoven Piano Recital: 32 Variations in C-minor; Sonata in A-flat major, op. 110; Six Bagatelles, op. 126; Sonata in C-major, op. 53.

THE performance proved the artist's steady progress. The variations were excellently elaborated, the Sonata in A-flat inspired and contemplative, and the "Waldstein" Sonata vivid and absorbing, with singing cantilenas and transparent arabesques. Miss Granetzman's technique was faultless.

Lola Granetzman reads compositions by Paul Ben-Haim, Uri Boskovits, Marc Lavry and Joachim Stutchevsky in an "Israel Piano Recital" on a LP record issued by Philips-Amsterdam (Columbia in the U.S.)

FRANGO

Haifa Chamber Music Society. Uri Yoeplitz (flute), Elisha Therner (oboe), Yona Fidlinger (clarinet), Gideon Hoehr (viola), Zvi Harel (cello), Moshe Lustig (piano), (Beit Haroeh, February 24.) Johann Gottlieb Janitsch: Kammersonate; Albert Roussel: Trio op. 40; Mozart: Trio, K.498, and Adagio and Rondo, K.617.

THE Chamber Sonata for flute, oboe, viola and piano by Janitsch (1708-1763) who was court musician of Frederic II of Prussia, is very little known. It is an unassuming work suitable for the house ensembles it was written for. But though it was very well performed the attempt to restore it to new life was not very worthwhile. Albert Roussel's savoury piece of chamber music was given a representative reading and a cheery "echo" from the audience. The Adagio and Rondo for piano, flute, oboe, viola and cello was a model of cooperation among the artists. It would be unjust to praise one more than the other, for they all helped keep up the deservedly high reputation of the Chamber Music Concerts at Beit Haroeh.

G. W.-B.

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